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A characterization of the
Black Panther Party is located
in the Appendix.

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The following listed persons are present or past
members of the Black Panther Party.

GEORGE W. FOSTER-BEY, also known as William G. Foster, George G. Foster; FOSTER-BEY was born [redacted] in Fostoria, Texas. He attended school in Beaumont, Texas. FOSTER-BEY had military service in the U. S. Navy, March 28, 1958 to November 19, 1959, when he received an Honorable Discharge. FOSTER-BEY presently resides 177 Edgewood Street, in Hartford, Connecticut, and is now employed by the Community Renewal Team in this city. He had formerly been an employee of the city, working in the J. J. MC COOK Memorial Hospital. On December 24, 1968, FOSTER-BEY was at a party in Hartford, when he identified himself as a member of the Black Panther Party, and stated the Black Panther Party was then just starting in the city. FOSTER-BEY has not been identified as having been attending meetings of the Black Panther Party since that date, but he has been observed associating with members of the Black Panther Party and has been observed at demonstrations where the Black Panther Party have also been observed.

CHARLES EDWARD LEWIS, also known as "Butch" was formerly defense captain of the Black Panther Party in Hartford, Connecticut, but he now states that he is not a member, and holds no office. LEWIS was born [redacted], in Fredericksburg, Virginia, and is presently residing with his grandmother, Mrs. MARGARET HAVELOW at 208 Barbour Street, Hartford. His parents names are not known. LEWIS graduated from Weaver High School and attended the Maryland School of Art in New York City to study photography.

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He was a member of the U. S. Army from December 24, 1964 to November 29, 1967, when he obtained an Honorable Discharge. He served overseas and was an expert with the M-14 rifle and M-60 Machine Gun. LEWIS obtained employment with the State of Connecticut Education Department, and was placed as a Recruiter in a pilot program called the "Sidewalk University" or Project Matthew, at 2106 Main Street, Hartford. His work required that he bring to the school persons who had dropped out of high school, had been in trouble, and now desired to obtain a certificate to testify that they had finished high school. Through this work LEWIS was recruiting persons for the Black Panther Party. Because of the use of the school for purposes other than begone, it was not continued after June 1, 1969, and LEWIS was let go by the state on June 15, 1969. LEWIS ran meetings of the Black Panther Party and attended demonstrations, and led one May 1, 1969, in front of the Federal Building, Hartford to free HUEY NEWTON. LEWIS has not been observed at meetings being held by the Black Panther Party since the middle of June 1969.

DONALD WESLEY MOUNDS, also known as Don-Wesley Mounds, born [REDACTED] FOIA(b)(6), at Hartford, Connecticut, resides 78 Westland Street, Hartford, Connecticut. His family resides 3 Cambridge Street, Hartford, Connecticut. MOUNDS is a former member of the U. S. Marine Corps having been enlisted from March 2, 1966 to March 1, 1968, when he was given an Honorable Discharge. As of May 22, 1969, MOUNDS claimed to be Acting Captain of the Black Panther Party in Hartford. MOUNDS stated July 1, 1969, he was no longer a member of the Black Panther Party in Hartford. As of June 6, 1969, he also acted as Political Education Instructor.

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LEONARD EDWARDS, also known as "Lennie", born [FOIA(b)(6)] Atlanta, Georgia, resides at 30 Auburn Street, Hartford, Connecticut. He is employed by the Connecticut State Commission on Community Affairs, Hartford. EDWARDS while out of his work, would spend a great deal of time at the Sidewalk University, 2106 Main Street and helped LEWIS in his recruiting. EDWARDS has also been observed selling copies of the Black Panther Party newspaper. EDWARDS was arrested during riots in Hartford, June 6, 1969, in possession of a molotov cocktail. EDWARDS states he is not now a member of the Black Panther Party.

GERALD WILBERT FOTHERGILL, JR., also known as Mike, born [FOIA(b)(6)], Hartford, Connecticut, resides 14A Bellevue Square, Hartford. He is presently a student at Southern Connecticut State College. FOTHERGILL now claims to be the Acting Captain of the Black Panther Party in Hartford. He is leading the Black Panther Party at Rallies and special meetings held at this time in Hartford by the Black Panther Party. Also, he is Lieutenant of Security.

JAMES F. PERRY, JR., born [FOIA(b)(6)] Hartford, Connecticut, is now residing at 61-C Bellevue Square, Hartford, Connecticut. He is a graduate of the Hartford Public High School, June 1968. PERRY has stated he is an officer in the Black Panther Party, position not given.

JAMES EDWARD WILLIAMS, also known as "Chucky", born [FOIA(b)(6)] Hartford, Connecticut, is residing 53 Sharon Street, Hartford, and was educated through the 10th grade. WILLIAMS stated to Hartford Police he is a member of the Black Panther Party. He also claims to be active in the leadership of the Black Panther Party but did not give the position.

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LEROY WINDSOR BAYLOR, born [FOIA(b) (6)], Hartford, Connecticut, resides 287 Elm Street, Windsor Locks, Connecticut. He was in the U. S. Air Force from August 23, 1965 until his discharge December 12, 1966. BAYLOR was married, is now divorced. He says he is a member of the Black Panther Party and acts as the Lieutenant of Information. He has taken part in demonstrations of the Black Panther Party.

REGINALD FRANK WRIGHT, born [FOIA(b) (6)], Hartford, Connecticut, has been residing at 12 Allen Road, Bloomfield, and 78 School Street, Bloomfield. WRIGHT graduated from high school in 1965. He enlisted in the U. S. Air Force February 4, 1966, until his active duty was up in 1968. WRIGHT claims to be Lieutenant of Finance for the Black Panther Party in Hartford.

WILLIAM BAILEY, born in 1952 in Hartford, Connecticut is residing at 28-A Bellevue Square, Hartford. BAILEY has been identified as one of the organizers of a march by the Black Panther Party at the Federal Building, Hartford, May 1, 1969. He holds the position of Officer of the Day for the Black Panther Party.

MARY MATTHEWS, Hartford, Connecticut, publicly stated she is a member of the Black Panther Party in Hartford and at a rally in Bridgeport, Connecticut, June 15, 1969. She is also listed by the Black Panther Party as Secretary of the Hartford Chapter.

HOWARD EMANUL BUTLER, JR., also known as "Sonny", born [FOIA(b) (6)], Hartford, Connecticut, resides 60 Capen Street, Hartford.

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He has completed the 9th grade of school. BUTLER is thought to be in Charge of Security for the Black Panther Party in Hartford.

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CORNELL HENRI WRIGHT, born [FOIA(b)(6)], Hartford, Connecticut. WRIGHT is attending the Greater Hartford Community College since January 1969. WRIGHT has stated he is a member of the Black Panther Party in Hartford and on July 12, 1969, was one of the panel at a rally of the Black Panther Party in Hartford.

WALTER ALLEN BAILEY, born [FOIA(b)(6)], in Augusta, Georgia, resides at 28-A Bellevue Square, Hartford, Connecticut. BAILEY has made statements that he is a member of the Black Panther Party in Hartford. He is a student at the University of Hartford, where he entered September 1968. BAILEY has accompanied his mother in an attempt to force school authorities to change their views on certain matters.

CLEMENT PRINCE NURSE, born [FOIA(b)(6)], at Hartford, Connecticut, is presently residing at 129 Hartland Street, Hartford. He is the first graduate of the Sidewalk University. NURSE was on duty at the Federal Building May 1, 1969, at a demonstration by the Black Panther Party to support Huey Newton. NURSE was observed taking pictures of those that marched, and those whom he thought were police officers. NURSE was questioned by the police, and one time stated he was a member of the Black Panther Party but after being arrested during riots in Hartford in June 1969, he stated he was not a member.

PHILLIP ALVIN WRIGHT, born [FOIA(b)(6)], Hartford, Connecticut, is residing at 12 Allen Road, Bloomfield, Connecticut. He graduated from Hartford Public High School, and just completed the Winter semester at the Greater Hartford Community College. He is publicly known as a member of the Black Panther Party in Hartford, and on July 12, 1969, made a talk at a rally of the Black Panther Party in Hartford, where he stated, "the only way to get economic and political power is with the gun barrel."

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GREGORY PHILLIP GREEN, born [FOIA(b)(6)] resides 291 Bellevue Street, Hartford, Connecticut. GREEN completed the 9th grade in schools in Hartford, Connecticut. [REDACTED]

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GREEN is a member of the Black Panther Party in Hartford and appears to hold some position which might be that of a secretary for he takes notes at meetings.

Reverend CHARLES WILLIAM FRANKS, born [FOIA(b)(6)], Corona, Long Island, resides 214 Westland Street, Hartford. He is the pastor of the Rock of Ages Church of God in Christ, Hartford. During riots of 1968, FRANKS was urging youths to burn a building in Hartford. He was approached by the Black Panther Party in Hartford this year and asked to be a spokesman for them. FRANKS young son is known to have helped support the Black Panther Party at a demonstration in Hartford. FRANKS spoke at a rally of the Black Panther Party July 12, 1969, and then answered questions from the audience for the Black Panther Party after they had been asked by others in the audience. FRANKS was in the U. S. Army from January 9, 1946 to September 12, 1946.

SAMUEL SCHLEY, born [FOIA(b)(6)], at Plains, Georgia resides at 42 Kensington Street, Hartford, Connecticut. He is a student at the University of Hartford, Hartford, where he has been an agitator. He is known to have stated he was a member of the Black Panther Party in Hartford, but is not known to have acted as a spokesman, or appear at any of the meetings of the Black Panther Party held in Hartford.

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FREDERICK DIXON, born [FOIA(b)(6)], at Atlanta, Georgia, resides 69 Pliny Street, Hartford, Connecticut, is employed as a part time cashier at a local grocery store. He attends the A. I. Prince Technical School when not employed. DIXON is known to have had at his home overnight guests who included Joudon Ford Deputy Defense Minister of the Black Panther Party in New York City. DIXON is not known to be active in the Black Panther Party in Hartford, Connecticut, at this time.

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MILTON ELLIS TURNER, JR., also known as "Rick", born [FOIA(b)(6)], Hartford, Connecticut, resides at 192 Vine Street, Hartford, Connecticut, and is employed at the Connecticut Talent Assistance Cooperative, 1830 Asylum Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut. TURNER claims to be a "Black Nationalist". TURNER does not use the expression Black Panther when referring to himself, but it is clear that this is what he means when he talks. He is a college graduate and has an MA in Social Work. TURNER is Honorably Discharged from the U. S. Army, having served from November 15, 1965 to September 1, 1967.

WILLIAM ROBERT BELCHER, born [FOIA(b)(6)] Hartford, Connecticut, is residing at 148 Vine Street, with his wife. He is a veteran, having served in the Air Force from August 24, 1962 to June 22, 1966. BELCHER now works at 45 Canton Street, Hartford, Connecticut, where meetings of the Black Panther Party are held. He has attended meetings of this group and has taken part in a demonstration by the Black Panther Party at Hartford.

ALLEN F. SMITH, age 16, resides 117 Westland Street, Hartford, Connecticut. He is a dropout from Weaver High School due to his failure to meet the standard and maintain proper deportment. He is outspoken in his membership in the Black Panther

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LEROY ELDRIDGE CLEAVER has been publicly identified as Minister of Information for the Black Panther Party and is presently being sought as a fugitive from justice for unlawful interstate flight to avoid confinement after conviction for assault with intent to commit murder.

A Characterization of HUEY P. NEWTON is included in the Characterization of the Black Panther Party which appears in the Appendix.

On February 26, 1969, Detectives W. LADUKE and JOSEPH SCHATZ, Hartford Police Department, observed LEONARD EDWARDS, whom the Officers identified from a police photograph. EDWARDS was overheard by the Officers, telling an unknown Negro male that all he had to do to join the Panthers was to come down to have his picture taken and "we'll give you a membership card." The officers observed on the vehicle belonging to EDWARDS a decal with an orange background and a picture of a Black panther in the center. The Officers observed this vehicle and EDWARDS in various locations in Hartford, talking to groups of Negro males.

On March 12, 1969, Sergeant CHARLES GRASSO, JR., and Detective JOSEPH COSTARDO, Hartford Police Department, obtained information reflecting that on March 9, 1969, a club house in the City of Hartford, belonging to a group known as the Emperors, showed a film about the Black Panthers. The officers learned that the reason for the showing of the film was to attempt to solidify the various youth groups in the North End of Hartford under one leadership, which they were told was to be the Black Panthers.

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The officers were unable to determine the identity of the individual showing the film.

On March 20, 1969, NH T-1 advised he had been approached on March 19, 1969, by CHARLES LEWIS who asked if he would allow his sons to join the Black Panther Party. LEWIS stated he was then recruiting for the Black Panther Party in Hartford and was using the Sidwalk University for the base of operations. LEWIS stated that he was being helped in the recruiting by LEONARD EDWARDS of Hartford, Connecticut.

NH T-1 asked LEWIS if he could join rather than his sons, but LEWIS said no because he was too old and only younger people were wanted.

NH T-2 advised April 25, 1969, that one FREDERICK DIXON known to him as a member of the Black Panther Party in Hartford, Connecticut had entertained at his home, four members of the Black Panther Party from the New York City area. NH T-2 advised that one of those attending was JOUBON FORD, Assistant Minister of Defense for New York City.

NH T-3 advised on May 21, 1969, he learned the Black Panther Party of Hartford, Connecticut, held political classes on April 28, 1969, at 2106 Main Street, Hartford, Connecticut. NH T-3 advised that at this meeting, the active Panthers who knew the 10-10 program recited it. Those who did not, were assigned certain parts of the 26 rules to learn and recite at the next political class. A discussion was then held on the 11 Points of Liberalism, after which a question and answer period followed for visitors.

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NH T-3 advised on May 21, 1969, a central staff meeting of the Black Panther Party, Hartford Branch was held on April 30, 1969, at 2106 Main Street. It was called to order by Captain BUTCH LEWIS. At this time, the source advised the strange actions and deeds of field lieutenant, ADRIAN DEA were discussed. The source advised an open meeting of the Black Panther Party was held at 7:15 p.m., that evening, at which time the demonstration to be held for HUEY NEWTON on May 1, in front of the Federal Court House at 450 Main Street was brought up. NH T-3 advised that who were to wear their uniforms were announced and told to meet at 2106 Main Street, in Hartford. Those Panthers who were to act as undercover were told to come to the Federal Court House between 9:45 and 10:15 as the demonstration was to start at 10:00. Visitors were told that if they planned to participate, they could meet at the Courthouse and they were told how to conduct themselves. The meeting was closed by the Captain BUTCH LEWIS.

NH T-3 advised that the regular meeting of the Black Panther Party, Hartford Branch, was held at 2106 Main Street, on April 30, 1969, at 8:30 p.m., fifteen minutes after the previous meeting ended. The source stated that a discussion took place concerning the signals to be used to indicate trouble at the demonstration on May 1, 1969 at the Federal Court House. Source stated that there were three suggestions made.

1. A newspaper to be held across the face.
2. Hands on face.
3. Hand to the heart.

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It was decided to use the hand on the face, right hand for trouble on your right side, left hand for trouble on the left side and both hands for trouble.

NH T-3 advised on May 21, 1969, that a political class of the Black Panther Party was held on May 5, 1969, at 45 Canton Street, at the Sands Building (South Arsenal Neighborhood Development Corporation). The meeting was called to order by Captain BUTCH LEWIS. A discussion was held concerning ELDRIDGE CLEAVER's record and then a question and answer period was held about the Black Panther Party. Buttons, albums, newspapers and posters were sold at this time.

NH T-3 advised that the Central Staff Meeting of the Black Panther Party, Hartford Branch was held May 5, 1969, at 9:20 p.m. Source stated that present were Captain BUTCH LEWIS; Lieutenant of Information LEROY BAILOR; Lieutenant of Security MIKE FOTHERGILL; Lieutenant of Finance REGINALD WRIGHT; Secretary MARY MATTHEWS; Officer of the Day, BILL BAILEY; Sergeant of the Day SONNY BUTLER; and Junior Panther Captain BERYL BAILEY. Source stated that absent was the Field Lieutenant and Political Teacher, DON-WESLEY MOUNDS who was at New Haven at the State Headquarters.

The Hartford Courant, a daily newspaper published in Hartford, Connecticut, on May 2, 1969, carried an item reflecting that the Black Panther Party picketed the Federal Building at 450 Main Street, Hartford, Connecticut, on May 1, 1969, from 10:00 until 11:30 a.m. The article stated that some 60 demonstrators paraded in front of the building as part of the Nationwide Solidarity demonstration on behalf of Huey P. Newton, Black Panther National Minister of Defense. The group carried a blue penant bearing a Black Panther emblem and the inscription Free Huey. The article stated that times LEWIS who was in charge of the rally sent one of his men with orders to see to it that some of the younger demonstrators kept moving in an orderly manner and did not block anyone getting in or out of the building. LEWIS said to several reporters, "This

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"is going to be a non-violent demonstration. I know a lot of people fear we're a gang of thugs and hoodlums. But we're a political party not a gang. We're an army of people who are for the people for the depressed people." LEWIS also stated that the rally was held in support of NEWTON who is being held as a political prisoner and for all black men deprived of trial by their peers. The Black Panthers passed out literature to passers by asking for the release of all black men held in Federal, State, County, and City Prisons and jails. A copy of the pamphlet is attached. The pamphlet was obtained from OWEN MC NALLY, a reporter for the Hartford Courant who interviewed BUTCH LEWIS concerning the demonstration.

Detective MARSHAL HOPKINS and HARRY TIMMERMAN, Hartford Police Department, on May 14, 1969, advised that while making an arrest at Brookfield and Flatbush Avenue, in Hartford, this date, they observed several cars arriving at this location. The detectives stated that the cars contained individuals whom they recognized as members of the Black Panthers from Hartford, and one of them BUTCH LEWIS whom they knew as the leader of the group in Hartford, organized what turned out to be a march of persons up and down the sidewalk over a bridge which crossed the park river. The bridge is being dramatized as the "River of Tears"; due to the drownings of several youths from the immediate area.

NH T-4 advised on May 20, 1969, that he was present when Congressman ADAM CLAYTON POWELL came to Hartford, Connecticut, on May 18, 1969. Source stated that it had been understood that members of the Black Panther Party in Hartford were to provide an armed guard for Congressman POWELL's safety. However, this did not appear likely according to the source since the official party position was that POWELL had sold out to the "white man" and is an enemy to Black Panthers and the black man in general. Source stated that about 15 suspected members of the Black Panthers were observed outside the hall where POWELL was speaking, and that they spent most of the time selling their weekly newspaper to those

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attending. Source advised that one of those who was at this rally was CHARLES E. LEWIS, otherwise known as BUTCH, the head Captain of the Black Panthers in Hartford, who occupied himself taking moving pictures of the law enforcement personnel in the area.

NH T-5 advised on May 26, 1969, that on May 21, 1969, the Hartford Housing Authority for the City of Hartford had received a letter from CHARLES LEWIS who identified himself as a member of the Black Panther Party in Hartford. LEWIS requested that the Hartford Housing Authority furnish the Black Panther Party with a community room, whereby the Black Panthers could serve breakfast to school children from 7:00 a.m. to 8:15 a.m., each morning from Monday to Friday.

The Hartford Times, an evening newspaper published in Hartford, Connecticut, on the date of May 28, 1969, page 4b carried an item titled "Panther Breakfast Mobbed." The article stated that Black Panther Party fed a virtual army of children today for the third morning in a row. The party had opened two breakfast centers for school children in Roman Catholic Churches in the North End and plans to open a third at a housing project, the Bellevue Square Center. The article stated the project is financed by donations from black and white businessmen and is run by members of the Black Panthers and volunteers. Article stated this is part of a nationwide movement by Black Panthers to provide breakfast for school children. The times article further stated that the policy being followed by the Black Panthers in Hartford, to "feed the people" is also part of the doctrine of Mao Tse-Tung whose revolutionary principles the Panthers follow, one member of the breakfast team explained pulling a red bound copy of the Marxist sayings from his back pocket. The article continued that the program is open to

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anyone from nursery school to junior high. It stated that so far, they have not had any problem getting large donations, but one Panther indicated he thought some of the merchants were "building up credit for the summer" against riots that is. The article stated that although Panther politics is not dished up to the children along with the food, it is evident and apparently aimed at spreading good will for the party among parents. The article further stated "Violence people have the wrong idea about us" said one of the Panthers. "We're here to give our people political awareness as far as their rights are concerned. I get sick and tired of seeing my people beat down," he said.

"The police provoke stuff. They're not here to protect the black man but the white man's property. The white man points out a kid on the street and said he broke his window, the cops' mind is made up. If the kid runs, he's gonna get beat up. But he's scared so he runs. Not all cops and not only white cops, but most of them." The article stated that with the children, they don't talk philosophy. When one little girl was afraid to eat, one of the workers came out and sat down with her until she could. The article stated the Panthers are proudest of the story about the twins who refused to tell the workers their names. All they keep saying as they eat is "We're black and we're proud."

NH T-6 on May 22, 1969, advised that DONALD MOUNDS, described himself as the acting captain of the Black Panther Party in Hartford, Connecticut. Captain ROBERT MERRICK, Patrol Captain, of the Hartford Police Department, advised on June 4, 1969, that during the afternoon of June 4, from 4:30 until 7:00 p.m., a dance and lawn party had been held at the Inner City Exchange at 101 Nelson Street, Hartford sponsored by that group for the

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Negro youth in the North End in Hartford. Captain MERRICK advised the Inner City Exchange is a church sponsored Negro civic organization directed by the Reverend HERBERT SMITH. Captain MERRICK advised that at about 7:00 p.m., the lawn party had broken up as scheduled but that a fight had developed among several of the youths present and police were summoned. He advised that upon the arrival of the Police, groups of Negro youths began to roam the immediate area which is Barbour Street, where they began breaking windows in package stores and looting them of their liquor supplies. He advised that the youths also stoned the police cruisers and by 8:30 p.m., one policeman had been injured. Chief of Police THOMAS VAUGHAN had mobilized his other off duty officers who were sent into the area in an attempt to control the malicious damage and rioting which was taking place.

NH T-7 advised on June 5, 1969, he had been present at the lawn party on June 4, 1969, run by the Inner City Exchange and he had noted prior to the beginning of the disturbance that there were members of the Black Panther Party present. He stated he recognized DONALD MOUNDS whom he knew now as the Captain of the Black Panther Party in Hartford, having replaced CHARLES E. LEWIS just a few days previously.

NH T-7 stated that MOUNDS was giving instructions to some of his followers telling them that they were to go into the crowd and attempt to stir them up to create a disturbance. The source advised that one of the members whom he knew as [] was one of those who was told to circulate in the crowd and tell those that he knew that they were to break into package stores and remove liquor.

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NH T-7 further advised that he recognized LEONARD EDWARDS whom he knew as an employee of the Community Affairs Department for the State of Connecticut, and also as an individual who has associated himself with the Black Panthers in Hartford and in particular with the former Captain CHARLES E. LEWIS. Source stated EDWARDS was giving orders which he received from MOUNDS to a GREGORY GREEN and CORNELL WRIGHT. The source stated that he did not know what orders WRIGHT was given but [] was told to spread the word that there was to be a disturbance created and that liquor stores were to be looted and the liquor taken to Panther Headquarters. The source advised that he knew from their own admissions that both GREGORY GREEN and CORNELL WRIGHT were members of the Black Panther Party in Hartford.

NH T-2 advised on June 5, 1969, that he also was present at the lawn party run by the Inner City Exchange and recognized several individuals present who were members of the Black Panther Party in Hartford, Connecticut. NH T-2 stated that he recognized DONALD MOUNDS whom he knew as the leader of the Hartford Panthers, and LEONARD EDWARDS and CLEMENT NURSE, both members of the Black Panther Party in Hartford. NH T-2 advised that NURSE was an agitator and appeared to be stirring up the crowd but that he did not observed MOUNDS or EDWARDS doing anything which would lead him to suspect at that time that they were involved in the disturbance.

NH T-2 stated that he felt that the disturbance had been preplanned and that the Panthers had been a part of this planned service and they agitated not by anything they said so much as rather by the things that they did not do which would make one think that they were trying to keep everyone quiet when actually they were stirring them up.

NH T-8 advised on June 5, 1969, he was present on June 4, 1969, at the lawn party given by the Inner City Exchange in

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Hartford, Connecticut.

NH T-8 stated he had also noted in the group of youths present, a number of members of the Black Panther Party and it was his feeling that they had probably done a great deal to stir up the crowd at the breakup of the dance.

Chief THOMAS VAUGHAN of the Hartford Police Department advised on June 9, 1969, that as a result of the disturbances on June 4, 1969, riotous conditions had developed in Hartford, Connecticut, the evenings of the fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth and that a total of 45 different business establishments had been damaged and broken into and in some cases completely looted during this period. He stated that some of the businesses had been broken into three and four times during that period, as there were not enough police to guard each of the establishments and still maintain order in the city. As a result of the disturbances, a curfew had been put into effect by the Mayor for the evenings of June 6 and 7 and 8 which lasted from 8:00 p.m., until 5:00 a.m., in the morning. A number of cruisers had been damaged from rocks and bottles, their windshields smashed, two had been set afire. There were twelve fires and fifteen false alarms turned in and three policemen and three civilians injured and a total of 316 arrests made. The Connecticut State Police and a portion of the Connecticut National Guard had been alerted and were on standby but were not used.

The Hartford Courant of June 13, 1969, on page 21, reported the results of a meeting between the Urban Religious Coalition and the Black Panthers which was held at 45 Canton Street, the Sands Center. The meeting had been called to score police actions and emergencies, particularly the riots which had recently taken place in Hartford. The paper reported that the police were

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accused of indiscriminant arrests and indiscriminant use of tear gas during the disturbances. They said the police were disorganized and without leadership during the disturbances, and scoffed at the city manager's contention that the disturbances were organized. The newspaper reported that about 80 people were on hand for the meeting. The meeting was begun by DONALD MOUNDS, the tall soft spoken Panther Captain who urged the people to say, "Whatever is on your mind". Responses came slowly and when no one volunteered much, MOUNDS told them what the Panthers had done Wednesday night, the first night of the disturbances. He said, "We were patrolling the police. We saw them make false arrests and throw tear gas in houses and by doing our thing, we made them mad. So they said to pick us up and some of us were arrested. They came into the area like storm troopers." MOUNDS said all the trouble started at a block dance when two youths got into a fight. He said the police arrived and instead of breaking up the fight between the two, they threw tear gas into the crowd. He said you don't throw tear gas into a crowd nor into a house where there are babies and small kids. The paper stated that one lady asked what the Panther's answer is to all that's been going on. "The Black Panthers platform", she was told. "Without police protection" she asked. "We have our own protection. We'll police the police", she was told.

The article further went on to state that LEONARD EDWARDS read the following; which described the violence of Thursday night, June 5, 1969, as failure of the city to enforce housing code laws, failure to provide recreational facilities for overcrowded housing projects and failure to correct outrageous rents being charged blacks. LEONARD EDWARDS stated that he obtained the above definition from a statement entitled, "What is violence," distributed by the Black Advocates for Justice.

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NH T-9 on June 6, 1969, advised that as of that date, it was his understanding that the following is the essential staff of the Hartford Black Panther Party:

Captain BUTCH LEWIS, although he may have been replaced recently for liberalism;

Field Lieutenant and Political Education Instructor,
DON WESLEY MOUNDS;

Lieutenant of Information LEROY BAYLOR;

Lieutenant of Security MIKE FOTHERGILL;

Lieutenant of Finance REGINALD WRIGHT;

Secretary MARY MATTHEWS;

Officer of the Day WILLIAM BAILEY.

NH T-5 advised on June 8, 1969, that the Housing Authority of Hartford, had given the use of the Bellevue Square Community House for the Black Panthers in Hartford to serve breakfast to children of school age. Source stated that the Black Panthers used the Community House on only one morning and never returned nor has there been any explanation for the discontinuance.

The Bridgeport Post published in Bridgeport, Connecticut, under date of June 15, 1969, carried an item entitled "Panther Rally Conducted No Incidents". The newspaper reported that about 200 persons heard members of the Black Panther Party talk about the

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Hartford riots, New Haven arrests, Police, Black Solidarity and the Black Panther Ideals and Programs at a Community Rally yesterday in Newfield Park, Bridgeport. There were no incidents of violence. One of the speakers was a MARY MATTHEWS from the Hartford Chapter of the Black Panthers who talked about the Black Panther free breakfast program for school children there. She also asked for support for similar program in Bridgeport. The item further stated that a Hartford leader of the Black Panthers, not named, said that the party was needed to make people aware of whats going on so they can improve their condition for themselves.

NH T-7 made available a leaflet on July 11, 1969, entitled "Rally Attention People" which advertised a rally for July 12, 1969, at 5:00 p.m., to be held at 45 Canton Street, where any questions people might have concerning the Black Panther Party would be answered. A copy of this leaflet is attached.

NH T-7 advised on July 12, 1969, that he had been present at the meeting at Sands, 45 Canton Street, on July 12, 1969, called by the Black Panther Party. He advised that DONALD MOUNDS has been replaced as Captain and that MIKE FOTHERGILL has taken his place. Source advised that the Black Panther Party is trying very hard to recruit the younger boys and girls between the ages of 16 and 17. He stated that they have a junior panther group and that this is the age where they would be placed. Source stated that between 60 and 70 people were present, both Black and White. He stated that people were searched as they came into the room and that there were body guards both at the platform and around the Hall. Source advised that CORNELL WRIGHT, JAMES PERRY, FOTHERGILL, ALLEN SMITH and PHILLIP WRIGHT were all speakers, at the rally as was a Reverend CHARLES FRANKS. Source stated that FRANKS advised that he was hoping to coordinate a planned boycott of all white businesses in the North End of Hartford so that the white businessmen would be driven out of that area. CORNELL WRIGHT

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said that the Black Panthers were behind the Boycott as this was in line with their 10 Point Program.

The Hartford Courant of July 13, 1969, page 12C carried an item concerning the rally. The article stated that Power and Unity is the theme of the Black Panther rally. The article stated that one of the Black Panthers shouted to the group "Brothers and Sisters, we must stick together to survive." Another speaker stated that he felt sick because so many influential people had been invited but had not come to the rally. The article stated that the Panther speakers attempted to convince their black "brothers and sisters" that "we're not a street gang but a political party". The paper stated that most of the talk from the platform at the front of the room dealt with Black Panther Party doctrine which is frankly summed up in the clenched fist salute "All Power to the People, Black Power to the Black People, Panther Power to the Vanguard." The paper stated that Panther CHUCKY PERRY, a tall lanky Panther leader said after a pause, that the North End had no political leaders who sincerely represented the black community. He said the party which formed in Hartford in early April is itself operating without a formal leader. BUTCH LEWIS, the Chapter's first Captain left the party and has not yet been replaced PERRY said. Party membership figures are confidential. Throughout the late afternoon rally, PERRY and his "brothers" criticized blacks beyond the room for their lack of initiative to link minds and votes. The paper further stated that CHARLES FRANKS, Minister of the Church of God and Christ who commented on the fragmentation among the Black Community, said "The first thing we must do is to change our attitudes. As long as they are up in the high strung areas, we'll never be able to get together." He concluded with the omnibus statement "Whatever your bag may be, get with it, stay with it and respect your leaders."

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The Hartford Times, dated July 13, 1969, on page 4b carried an article concerning a rally which was titled, "Panthers Power With Gun". This paper stated that speeches ranged from moderate to militant, and Hartford's Black Panther leaders told youngsters at the rally last night that the "Future of the country is in your hands," and that the "only way to get political power is with a gun." The article stated that the Panthers used only their first names and referred to each other as "brother". Each began his remarks with the chant "All power to the people, black power to the black people". The paper stated that Panther PHIL WRIGHT then recited the 20 Point Panther Program and told the audience the only way for blacks to get political and economic power "is with a gun barrel". He said Panthers learn to operate and service weapons properly and use them "only when necessary", for protection of Black People. The paper reported that the rally was called to clarify what one speaker termed "greatly distorted reports of Panther activities", allegedly appearing in the mass media. "We are not a bunch of hoodlums and street gangs." He said the Panthers are "a legitimate political party" that provides free breakfast for needy Ghetto youngsters and legal aid to blacks who have been arrested. The Hartford Courant of July 18, 1969, on page 32 carried an item, "Fire destroys two warehouses". It reported that there were two warehouses on the North End of Hartford on the corner of Windsor and Suffield Streets burning. They contained paint and other building supplies. The paper reported that more than 100 people watched the fire from across the street and they began to yell, "Burn baby, burn". The fire was declared out about an hour after the first alarm was rung.

Two men who identified themselves as members of the Black Panther Party said building codes and zoning laws should be enforced more strictly so that such as the two warehouses would not be dangerous to neighborhood children. Angry at the circumstances which allowed the fire to burn, they said, "All Power to the Fire. Let the street burn."

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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We wish to make the masses of people aware that the Minister of Defense of the Black Panther Party, Huey P. Newton - a Political Prisoner at San Louis Obispo Men's Colony will be brought to the San Francisco Federal Court Building May 1, 1969 at 10:00 A. M. for an appeal.

Huey P. Newton was charged with killing one policeman and wounding another. He killed no one and the wounded officer, Freye, testified that he did not see a gun in the hand of Huey Newton at any time. Huey was convicted of manslaughter and was sentenced to 2-15 years.

Across the nation we will have "SOLIDARITY" demonstrations at the Federal Court houses in each state where there is a Panther Chapter or Branch or where there are people who are interested in putting an end to racist courts and hang-men juries.

All concerned people should come to the Federal Court House Thursday, May 1st. at 10:00 A. M. 450 Main Street, Hartford.

POINT #8 of our 10 - POINT PROGRAM:

We want freedom for all black men held in federal, state, county and city prisons and jails.

POINT #9 of our 10 - POINT PROGRAM:

We want all black people when brought to trial to be tried in court by a jury of their peer group or people from their black communities, as defined by the Constitution of the United States.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
BLACK POWER TO BLACK PEOPLE
PANTHER POWER TO THE VANGUARD

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ATTENTION PEOPLE

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R A L L Y

To let you know where we are. Don't let someone tell you about something "they know nothing about"

Come on Down and find out for yourself what is happening from the people that know.

Ask any question you have about THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY

"The people are power" Let's get it together

Come on down to S.A.N.D. 45 Canton Street, Hartford

Date: July 12th

Time: 5:00 p.m.

All power to the people
Black power to Black people
Panther power to the van guard

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A P P E N D I X

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BLACK PANTHER PARTY, aka Black Panther Party for Self-Defense

According to its official newspaper, the Black Panther Party (BPP) was started during December, 1966, in Oakland, California, to organize black people so they can take control of the life, politics, and the destiny of the black community. It was organized by BOBBY GEORGE SEALE, BPP Chairman, and HUEY P. NEWTON, BPP Minister of Defense. NEWTON is presently serving a sentence of two to fifteen years on a conviction of manslaughter in connection with the killing of an Oakland police officer.

The official newspaper, "The Black Panther", which further describes itself as the "Black Community News Service", stated that the BPP advocates the use of guns and guerrilla tactics in its revolutionary program to end oppression of the black people. Residents of the black community are urged to arm themselves against the police who are consistently referred to in the publication as "pigs" who should be killed.

"The Black Panther" issue of September 7, 1968, contains an editorial by BPP Minister of Education, GEORGE MASON MURRAY, which ends with the following:

"Black men, Black people, colored persons of America, revolt everywhere. Arm yourselves. The only culture worth keeping is revolutionary culture. Change. Freedom everywhere. Dynamite. Black Power. Use the gun. Kill the pigs everywhere."

Included in the introduction to an article appearing in the October 5, 1968, edition of "The Black Panther" is the statement, "...we will not dissent from American Government. We will overthrow it."

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Issues of "The Black Panther" regularly contain quotations from the writings of Chairman MAO Tse-tung of the People's Republic of China and feature MAO's statement that "political power grows out of the barrel of a gun."

The national headquarters of the BPP is located at 3106 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley, California. Branches have been established at various locations throughout the United States.

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APPENDIX

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MUSLIM MOSQUE, INCORPORATED (MMI)

The March 13, 1964, edition of "The New York Times", a daily newspaper published in New York, New York, contained an article on page 20 which indicated that MALCOLM X (LITTLE), former national official of the Nation of Islam (NOI), who broke with the NOI on March 12, 1964, publicly announced in New York City on March 12, 1964, that he had formed the Muslim Mosque, Incorporated (MMI). The MMI, according to the article, would be a broadly based politically orientated black nationalist movement for Negroes, only, financed by voluntary contributions. In this public statement, MALCOLM X urged Negroes to abandon the doctrine of non-violence when it is necessary to defend themselves in the civil rights struggle, and he also suggested that Negroes form rifle clubs to protect their lives and property in time of emergencies in areas where the government is unable or unwilling to protect them.

Incorporation papers of the MMI filed on March 16, 1964, with the Business Section, Clerk of Courts, New York County, New York, New York, reflect that the MMI was incorporated under the Religious Corporation Law of the State of New York to work for the imparting of the Islamic Faith and Islamic Religion in accordance with "accepted Islamic principles". The principal place of worship to be located in the Borough of Manhattan, New York, New York.

The May 23, 1964, edition of the "New York Amsterdam News", a weekly Negro newspaper published in New York City, contained an article by columnist JAMES BOOKER in which he indicated that he had heard that the visit by MALCOLM X with Muslim leaders during his African tour has changed him to become soft in his anti-white feelings and to become more religious.

On October 6, 1964, a confidential source advised that the MMI is apparently affiliated with the true orthodox Islamic Religion through its affiliation with the Islamic Foundation (of New York), 1 Riverside Drive, New York City. The only teachings of the MMI are on the Islamic Religion.

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This confidential source advised on May 17, 1965, that the headquarters of the MMI are located in Suite 128, Hotel Theresa, 2090 Seventh Avenue, New York, New York, where they were established on March 16, 1964. These headquarters are shared with the Organization of Afro-American Unity, Incorporated (OAAU) which was also headed by MALCOLM X.

MALXOLM X was assassinated on February 21, 1965, while addressing an OAAU rally at the Audubon Ballroom, Broadway and 166th Street, New York City.

This same confidential source advised on September 8, 1965, that the activities of the MMI following the death of MALCOLM X were limited to the teaching of classes in the Islamic religion and a class in judo for self-protection. These classes were held regularly until the latter part of July, 1965, when they were discontinued. Since then, the MMI has held no meetings and there has been absolutely no activity by the MMI which appears to be completely "dead".

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New Haven, Connecticut

July 22, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Title **BLACK PANTHER PARTY
HARTFORD CHAPTER**

Reference **Memorandum dated and captioned
as above.**

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

7/22/69

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-165706-32)

FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-1079) (P)

SUBJECT: BLACK PANTHER PARTY
(HARTFORD CHAPTER)
(HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT)
RM - BPP

Re: Bureau airtel to New Haven, 6/25/69.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 8 copies of an LHM in instant matter.

The sources utilized in instant LHM are:

NH T-1 is	[Redacted] FOIA(b) (7) - (D)	New Haven Police Department
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NH T-4 is	[Redacted] FOIA(b) (7) - (D)	New Haven Police Department.
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This LHM is marked "CONFIDENTIAL" to protect informants of continuing value.

Copies of this LHM have been disseminated to 108TH MI Group, Hartford; Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms Division, Hartford; United States Attorney, Hartford; and Secret Service, New Haven.

EXTREME CAUTION MUST BE EXERCISED DURING ALL ENCOUNTERS WITH MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATES OF THE BPP AS THEY ARE REPORTEDLY ATTEMPTING TO PREARRANGE THE LOCATION OF INTERVIEWS IN ORDER TO KILL FBI AGENTS. - DUE TO THEIR PROVEN RECORD OF ATTEMPTS TO KILL POLICE OFFICERS, ALL BPP MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATES ARE CONSIDERED ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

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Date: 7/23/69

Transmit the following in _____
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-165706-32)

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-19186) (P)

SUBJECT: BLACK PANTHER PARTY
RM-BPP

For the information of all offices receiving this communication, the enclosed information was made available by Inspector STEPHEN AHERN, New Haven, Conn PD on 6/5/69. It was obtained from BPP headquarters, 365 Orchard St., New Haven, Conn., on 5/22/69, in a search "incidental to the arrest" of three members of the BPP of New Haven for the torture-murder of ALEX RACKLEY alleged BPP member from NYC who was believed to have been a police informant.

In view of the pending trials of several members of the BPP in New Haven, the NHPD has specifically requested that the enclosed information be handled discreetly and in a confidential manner for intelligence purposes only at this time. Care must be taken to protect the source and substance of the enclosed material in the covering of logical leads in order that local prosecution by the NHPD will not be jeopardized. The enclosed information is not being disseminated outside the Department of Justice. Further dissemination may be made after the completion of the above-mentioned trials.

The enclosed information is a xerox copy of the addressbook of ERICKA COZETTE HUGGINS, a member of the BPP, originally from Los Angeles and presently incarcerated in Niantic, Conn.

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- 1 - Boston (157-654) (Enc. 1) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-161993) (Enc. 1) (RM)
- 1 - Chicago (157-1291) (Enc. 1) (RM)
- 1 - Charlotte (157-6109) (Enc. 1) (RM)
- 1 - Columbia (157-) (Enc. 1) (RM)
- 2 - San Francisco (157-1204) (Encs. 2) (RM)
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ERICKA HUGGINS has been recently identified as the political education instructor for the BPP, State of Conn. She has been praised by the National leadership of the BPP and described as the "only true Panther in Connecticut."

In view of the fact that ERICKA HUGGINS has been identified as the political education instructor for the BPP, State of Conn., and in view of her complete dedication to the BPP organization and philosophy, the names, addresses and telephone numbers contained herein are being furnished to all receiving offices for their information. New Haven will index where appropriate the names, addresses and telephone numbers of known BPP members within the State of Conn.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

August 6, 1969

TO : SAC, NEW HAVEN [REDACTED]
FROM : SA JOHN A. DANAHY, JR.
SUBJECT: BLACK PANTHER PARTY
HARTFORD CHAPTER
BPP

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

[REDACTED] (Protect), advised 7/12/69 that GERALD FOTHERGILL, aka, Mike, had taken the place of DON WESLEY MOUNDS as the Captain of the BPP in Hartford, Conn. He stated the Panthers are now on a recruiting drive to recruit young teens in the movement. He also stated that Reverend CHARLES FRANKS, a self-appointed preacher, has a great deal of influence on the BPP and they go to him for advice.

[REDACTED] stated a BPP Rally was held at 45 Canton Street, South Arsenal Neighborhood Development Office 7/12/69, and observed about 60-70 persons in attendance. He stated the door guards were the Jr. Panthers and they searched those who entered the hall.

The rally was run by MIKE FOTHERGILL, ALLEN SMITH, JAMES E. WILLIAMS and "Chucky" PERRY. [REDACTED] advised all of these spoke and he felt they were trying to gather supporters to the cause. [REDACTED] also stated that an unrecalled person read from a red book which was the teaching of the Chinese Communists.

cc: [REDACTED]
100-19186 (BPP)
157-1079 (BPP HARTFORD)
157-1284 (BLACKSTONE RANGERS)
157-1291 (G. FOTHERGILL)
157-1290 (ALLEN SMITH)
157-1198 (JAMES WILLIAMS)
157-1217 ("CHUCKY" PERRY)
157-800 (CHARLES LEWIS)
157-1248 (GREGORY GREEN)
157-1212 (DONALD MOUNDS)
157-929 (REV. CHARLES FRANKS)

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At the rally also were two people who identified themselves as being a part of the Blackstone Rangers from Chicago. They wanted the Panthers to join with them.

[redacted] advised that a LEON JENNINGS, a young teen, was probably a leader in the Jr. Panthers for he was giving orders to those on guard duty.

[redacted] advised 7/14/69 he had attended a meeting of the Blackstone Rangers at 57½ Barbour St., Hartford, the home of one of the leaders, a MELVIN BRASWELL. The other leader is a BRUCE RYLES of 105 Kensington St. Both stated they had been to Chicago and had been members of the group there, but were now in Hartford trying to recruit others, and wanted to attempt to join forces with the BPP.

[redacted]

[redacted] the meeting where this was brought up was held 7/15/69 at 57½ Barbour St., and about 14 people were present, among them were FOTHERGILL, CHARLES LEWIS, BRUCE RYLES and MELVIN BRASWELL who ran the meeting. [redacted] stated RYLES sat through the meeting holding a shotgun in his lap. He was not observed bringing it to the meeting.

[redacted]

[redacted] for the BPP had expectations of luring federal agents to a spot where they could be photographed. If this was successful, then the same tactic would be used to bring police to the spot so they also could be photographed.

[redacted] GREEN was some officer, perhaps secretary for he made notes as to the time the discussion began and when it ended. He had noted this also took place the day before on Barbour St.

[redacted] advised 7/23/69 he had observed ALLEN SMITH and RONALD FREEMAN out selling the Black Panther newspaper and posters of HUEY NEWTON. He stated he learned all regular meetings of the BPP are being held at 45 Canton St., and special meetings are now held at 57½ Barbour St. in conjunction with the Blackstone Rangers.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ALLEN SMITH advised the BPP breakfast program is going to start again in September and the BPP is now in the process of collecting money to keep it going. He stated they will collect from any person who will give, but right now are trying to concentrate on businesses. [REDACTED] stated SMITH seems to have made this his project.

Most meetings at 57 $\frac{1}{2}$ Barbour St., are held at 4:00 PM and during the afternoon before the meeting those who will attend meet in the playground of the Inner City Exchange at 101 Nelson St., across from the Barbour St., address.

SAC, NEW YORK

August 7, 1969

SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-1079)

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HARTFORD CHAPTER
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Enclosed are two series of pictures taken by news media in Hartford, Connecticut, at a rally of the BPP 7/12/69.

It is requested four copies of each negative be processed and returned to New Haven. If the negatives can be enlarged for identification purposes, it would be appreciated.

The negatives should be returned, separated, so that they can be returned to the "Hartford Courant" and the "Hartford Times."

*9 negatives from Hartford Courant &
15 " " " " Times*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-1079)

FROM : *Jm* SAC, NEW YORK (100-161993) (P)

SUBJECT: BPP-HARTFORD CHAPTER
RM

DATE: 8/13/69

Re New Haven letter, 8/7/69.

Enclosed are 4 copies, 8 X 10 of pictures taken at BPP rally, 7/12/69. Also enclosed are negatives, separated and in original envelopes in order that they can be returned to the "Hartford Courant" and the "Hartford Times".

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SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-1284) (P)

8/13/69

SA JACK U. RICHARDSON

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BLACKSTONE RANGERS
RM

On 8/12/69, LT. JAMES JORDAN, Juvenile Div., Hartford, Conn. P.D. advised that at 11:30PM 8/10/69, [REDACTED], age 13, and [REDACTED], age 15 were apprehended by ROBERT FRANKLIN, 57 Winchester St., Hartford, as they were attempting to set fire to his camper truck. The youths were brought to the P.D. and questioned concerning the incident. [REDACTED] told the officers that a woman in a Pontiac (identity not known to him) who was accompanied by MELVIN BRASWELL, offered both he and [REDACTED] \$5.00 if they would burn the truck.

[REDACTED] told the officers that he has been a member of the Blackstone Rangers for the past month he stated the headquarters for the group is in the rear at 57 1/2 Barbour St., Hartford. He stated that the school is operated by MELVIN BRASWELL, his brother, LYNNWOOD BRASWELL, BRUCE RYLES, and his brother, WAYNE RYLES. He advised that the BRASWELLS reside at the Barbour St. address while the RYLES reside at 105 Kensington St., Hartford.

[REDACTED] stated that he attends classes given by the above individuals where instruction is given in how to construct fire bombs, how to start riots, and ways to "get" police officers. [REDACTED] stated further that a lot of guns are located at the headquarters and that any member can get a gun and holster. [REDACTED] stated he has no knowledge of the above cache of guns, but said he had heard this was true.

LT JORDAN stated that based on the above information, the police obtained a search warrant at 3AM 8/11/69, and conducted a search of the premises at 57 1/2 Barbour St., He stated they were admitted with no problem by MRS QUEEN DAY, the mother of the BRASWELL brothers. They completely searched the attic apartment where the headquarters is allegedly located and found 4 rifles; one Japanese bolt action rifles; a Harrington & Richardson "Topper" model 158 12 gauge shotgun; a 22 caliber rifle "Ranger" with no firing pin or bolt; and a dismantled 12 gauge shotgun. LT. JORDAN stated that none of the weapons were in operating condition. He stated they also found some holster and 4 boxes of Black Panther literature.

He stated MELVIN BRASWELL was present in the apartment at the time of the search and admitted running the school "to teach young children". He did not elaborate.

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Lt JORDAN stated the [] boy is a state ward . His father resides at 474 Woodland St., Hartford and when contacted advised police that he wanted nothing to do with the boy.

LT JORDAN stated that [] is presently in custody of the police at a detention home. He stated investigation is continuing in an attempt to identify the women who offered money to the boys to set fire to aforementioned truck. He stated they are pursuing this investigation in the hopes of implicating [] in order that he can be arrested.

FOIA(b) (7) - (C)

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448006)

8/15/69

SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-785) (P)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
BLACK NATIONALIST - HATE GROUPS
RACIAL INTELLIGENCE
BLACK PANTHER PARTY (BPP)

ROBERT DOUGLAS, News Director, WTNB-TV Channel 30-NBC, 1422 New Britain Avenue, West Hartford, Connecticut, made available August 8, 1969, a reel of TV news containing two incidents filmed by this station of BPP activities in Hartford, Connecticut.

DOUGLAS stated most of the reel contains a press conference held by CHARLES LEWIS, then captain of the Hartford BPP, in March 1969. On the same reel, and about the last minute of running time will be found pictures of a march held by the BPP in front of the Federal Building, Hartford, Connecticut, on May 1, 1969.

DOUGLAS stated the film can be kept by the FBI, but if this is done, it must be available to Channel 30 for at least a year. He stated it can be duplicated by the Bureau if it so wishes and the original returned.

New Haven has not reviewed this film.

Enclosed for the Bureau is the 16 mm film of BPP news release and march of BPP, May 1, 1969.

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FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-19186) (P)
SUBJECT: BLACK PANTHER PARTY
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[redacted] FOIA(b)(7) - (D), advised on 9/22/69 he attended a BPP meeting on 9/20/69 at New Haven, Conn., at 780 Orchard St.

Present were 22 persons from Hartford BPP Chapter and a man who said he was from Boston and is reorganizing the Conn. BPP. WEAVER advised that five members from Hartford, Conn., were to travel to Boston and would be there for an unspecified time to take leadership training. Five others are to be sent to New Haven for two months for training.

Informant was unable at this time to identify only two of the five going to Boston: CORNELL HENRI WRIGHT, DOB [redacted] FOIA(b)(6), Hartford, 5'7", 155 lbs., Afro with part in middle, glasses, dark complexion, brown eyes; BRUCE STEVEN RYLES, DOB [redacted] FOIA(b)(6) at Hartford, 6'2", 176 lbs., partial Afro, dark complexion, brown eyes. Identities of others, if learned, will be furnished Boston, as well as photos when obtained.

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UNSUB, believed DOUGLAS MIRANDA from informant's description, stated all prders for Connecticut BPP come from Boston and he will give them to local personnel.

Boston attempt to identify the course to be taken, duration, and identities of those involved.

New Haven will continue efforts to identify persons undergoing training in New Haven.

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Information has been developed by our Los Angeles Office that attorneys for the BPP are preparing, on a nationwide basis, a chronology of alleged repressive acts committed against the BPP by law enforcement agencies. This chronology reportedly contains 150 pages and will be used as the basis for law suits against certain law enforcement agencies. For your information such suits will probably attempt to enjoin the agency from conducting an investigation or taking action against the BPP and its members and it may also attempt to

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determine what investigations are being conducted along with investigative techniques being utilized. In addition, the Los Angeles source advised that the BPP plans to make September "Political Prisoners Month," during which it will publish in certain cities cases of repression against the BPP in those cities.

All recipient offices should closely review future issues of the BPP newspaper "The Black Panther" and remain alert for local publications or functions by the BPP publicizing so called acts of repression by law enforcement against the BPP. When such acts are publicized, the office covering the locality where the act occurred should immediately submit a letterhead memorandum (LHM) containing details of the BPP publicity along with full details of the facts surrounding the incident publicized. In the event full details of the incidents were previously reported, a succinct summary of the facts should be included in the LHM, and the report or LHM containing full details of the incident should be specifically identified on the cover pages.

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LETTER TO THE PEOPLE

August 20, 1969--We heard this morning that our Chairman has been arrested and charged with "unlawful flight to avoid prosecution." We realize that the repressive tactics of the fascist gestapo troops of America are stepping up, but we cannot afford to let them totally destroy the Party or its leadership. We have to fight "tit for tat." When they sharpen their swords, we must doubly sharpen ours.

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We know that the fascists have no evidence with which to hold Chairman Bobby, so we demand his release. We demand the release of all political prisoners. It is clear that they (the reactionary power structure) are trying to remove the head of the Party so that the body will die. They tried with Huey, Eldridge, and countless others; but it won't work. The Party will never die because the people will never allow that. We must continue to organize around the issues that affect us politically and economically so that one day the people will rise like a mighty storm...they will smash all the trammels that bind them and rush forward along the road to liberation.

F--- THE PIG FASCIST DOGS
They cannot break our spirits;
we will win!
Free All Political Prisoners!

Long live our revolutionary Central Committee!
(Our spirits are with you, Chairman Bobby)

Erica Huggins
Frances Carter
Peggy Hudgins
Rose Smith

Political Prisoners

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FROM: SA THOMAS F. MC GORRAY
SUBJECT: BLACK PANTHER PARTY-HARTFORD
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The enclosed information is not to be disseminated outside the Department of Justice. Dissemination can be made after completion of the above mentioned trial.

LEADS: AT NEW HAVEN:

Will review the enclosed material set forth in BPP report dated 7-24-69, for leads and indexing.

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Report Hartford Branch Black Panther Party

- April 28, 1969:** The Political Class of the Black Panther Party, Hartford Branch was held in the SANDS building, April 28, 1969 and was called to order at 8 PM by the Field Lt., Adrien Dea. About 47 attended, 14 of which are Panthers. The Active Panthers that knew the 10-10 program, recited it, those who didn't were assigned certain parts of the 26 rules to learn and recite at the next Political Class. Discussed was the eleven points of Liberalism, after which followed a question and answer period for the visitors. The Political Class of the Black Panther Party, Hartford Branch was closed at 10:15 PM by the Field Lt., Adrien Dea.
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- April 30, 1969:** The open meeting of the Black Panther Party, Hartford Branch was held at the North End Street Academy, April 30, 1969 and was called to order by the Captain, Butch Lewis at 7:15 PM. Present were thirty-three people, 12 of which were Panthers. Discussed was the demonstration for Huey Newton, May 1st at ten AM in front of the Federal Court House, 450 Main Street. The Panthers who are to wear their uniforms were announced and told to meet at the North End Street Academy by 9:30. The Panthers who were to act as undercover, were told to come to the Federal Court House between 9:45 and 10:15. The visitors who are planning to participate were told of the place at which the demonstration was to be held, how to conduct themselves and the time. The open meeting of the Black Panther Party, Hartford Branch was closed by Captain, Butch Lewis at 8:15 PM.
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April 30, 1969: gathering of people in one section during the demonstration tomorrow, May 1st. We had three suggestions: (1) newspaper across the face (2) hands on face and (3) hand to the heart. It was decided to use hand on the face. Right hand for trouble on your right side, left hand for trouble on your left side, and both hands for trouble. The regular meeting of the Black Panther Party, Hartford Branch was closed at 9:10 PM by Lt. of Security, Mike Fathergill.

May 1, 1969: SPECIAL NOTE: Field Lt. J. Adrien Dea was suspended today at 12:01 a.m. for 30 days. He is to turn in a daily record, which will be included in this report.

May 5, 1969: The Political Class of the Black Panther Party, Hartford Branch was held in the SANDS building, May 5, 1969 at 7:05 PM and was called to order by Captain, Butch Lewis. Present were 33 people, 14 of which are Panthers. Discussed was Eldridge Cleaver's record. We then had a question/answer period about the Black Panther Party. Buttons, albums, newspapers and posters were sold. Eight people joined which now brings the total to 33. The Political Class of the Black Panther Party, Hartford Branch was closed at 9 PM by the Captain, Butch Lewis.

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Balance on hand

Receipts:

Posters 7.00

Newspapers 20.50

Buttons 10.50

Disbursements

May 5 Balance on hand 38.00

Discussed was the meeting of the Junior Panthers every Wednesday at 4:00 PM and a place for them to meet. Also discussed was a future rally here in Hartford. The Central Staff of the Black Panther Party, Hartford Branch was closed at 10:00 PM by Captain, Butch Lewis.

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Hartford Branch
Hartford, Conn

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87.25

Albums

(2)

9.90

Buttons

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5.00

Poster

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6.20
\$108.35

Expenses

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Reginald F. Wright Lt. Finance
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To Alton H. Mayhew, Jr.,
 I, Thomas Dyer, Field St. of Hartford
 who wish to join the ^{proletariat} ~~proletariat~~
 I personally do not feel I am ~~capable~~ ^{capable} of
 for this field. However, I do wish to
~~remain~~ ^{remain} in the party as a member
 and if permitted, I should like to teach
 the political class. This I feel, I can do
 a better job than I can because I am
 not a leader and I also have no
 back ground as a army person. But I
 do know how to organize people and
 teach them & also I will make one
 happen and the people that this is a
 proven fact as I did teach the first
 class in here and the people acted better
 toward me than then as a
 Field St. I would like to say that
 Don Morrell is more fit to fill the
 position as Field St. than any
 one of the Hartford people as far as I
 can see. He is not to drag them
 out any further, I ask that this matter
 be given some good consideration.

Thank You,
 Thomas Dyer

4-24-69

Black Panthers of Hartford

Since we have been in Hartford, Conn., trying to get the people of Hartford together it has been rather easy to get this.

The enrollment stands at forty people with active membership.

Officers: Butch Lewis as Defense Captain, Adrian Day as Field W.

Bill Bailey as Officer of the day, Gerald Fathergill as Officer of Security.

All other positions are still open at this time and hopefully will be filled shortly by

Political Classes: Political classes will begin on Monday, April 28th here in Hartford at 7:00 P.M. place is the Community House. Classes will be lead by Butch Lewis and Adrian Day until a teacher is found.

Programs: The breakfast for children we are hoping that we can get it under way by the 5th of May that morning. The school of liberation we will not start until we have and a few people to teach. Haven't work with Joe and sister Huggs. I learn the format from the right people.

This should take place shortly after we have send a few members for the retreat for a week or two in the mountain for their defense training, that you hope to have in a few weeks.

Terminations: We have had two people terminated and these two people will not be able to get back into the party anywhere in the nation where there ~~was~~^{is} Black Panther Party. They are Sam Slide and Elham Bailey also known as Rapp Bailey. We will try to send some pictures of these two people as soon as we can.

Abrian Day
Field H

butch laws

Don't know

M. F. F. F. F.

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Removal of W. 11/17/01

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Будь благодарен за то, что есть

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JR Panthers Berle Bailey

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 7, 1969

On May 1, 1969, Mr. WALTER DIBBLE, WDRC News, Hartford, Connecticut, interviewed BUTCH LEWIS, Black Panther Captain, at a rally conducted in front of the Federal Building in Hartford, Connecticut, which called for the freeing of HUEY P. NEWTON, a national leader of the Black Panther Party. The interview was as follows:

DIBBLE: "For those who don't know the purpose of today's demonstration, would you explain what this is all about?"

LEWIS: "The demonstration today is about HUEY P. NEWTON, Minister of Defense for the Black Panther Party is going on his second trial in California. Basically, we feel that all over the United States that he has been unjustly tried for a murder that he didn't commit. The Officer FRY, that was there when the other officer got killed, testified in court that HUEY P. NEWTON did not have a gun, did not see a gun in his hand at anytime, so therefore, we feel he has been unjustly tried and so this is why we're demonstrating from coast to coast.

"The other reason is that we feel that all black people have been unjustly tried because no people from their peer group which the Constitution states you should have someone from your peer group on your trial, see, and we feel that black people are very - getting unjust trials in the United States courts. This is why we're demonstrating here and there will be demonstrations all over the United States today.

"HUEY P. NEWTON also is a political - the reason he got two to five, two to fifteen years because he's a political prisoner, we feel and this is why this is why ELSWORTH (ELDRIDGE CLEAVER) also is in exile because of, you know, we feel he is also being persecuted by his jury trials and they, they also feel he did something wrong by not contacting his parole officer."

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by SA JOHN A. DANAHER, JR./clf/lmg 215 Date dictated 5/5/69

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DIBBLE: "How long will the demonstration last today?"

LEWIS: "Three hours at the most. We'll leave, and this will be a non-violent demonstration. In three hours when the people get tired, we'll just leave, and that will be it. We'll leave orderly like we came orderly and this is how we'll leave - all together."

DIBBLE: "Have people any reason to fear the Black Panther organization?"

LEWIS: "No, a lot of people feel that we are a gang of hoodlums who have been called hoodlums, people that run around beating up people, we are a army of people that are for people, we are the tools of the people in the street, anybody, the depressed people basically. We are also starting a breakfast for school children which will go into effect next week, hopefully. We're talking to ministers that will donate their churches and we will furnish food plus all cleaning up and everything. We're not, we're political party, we're not a gang as a lot of people say."

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date May 12, 1969

Mr. WALTER DIBBLE, WDRC News, Hartford, Connecticut, furnished the following tape recording of a BPP Press Conference held at 45 Canton Street, in Hartford, Connecticut, by BUTCH LEWIS, on April 30, 1969.

BUTCH LEWIS spoke as follows:

"My name is BUTCH LEWIS, Defense Captain for the Hartford Branch of the Black Panther Party. All power to the people, black power to black people, panther power to the vanguard. I would like to read our press release to the press.

"We wish to make the masses of people aware of Huey P. Newton, Minister of Defense, a political prisoner at San Luis Obispo (phonetic) Mens Colony, will be brought to San Francisco Federal Building, May 1, 1969, at 10:00 a.m., for appeal. Huey P. Newton was charged with killing one officer, wounding another. He killed no one, and the wounded officer testified that he did not see a gun in the hands of Huey P. Newton, at any time. Huey was convicted of manslaughter and was sentenced to two to fifteen years. Across the Nation, we will have a solidarity demonstration at the Federal Court House in each state where there is a Panther Chapter putting in each Racist Court a hanging jury. All concerned people should come to the Federal Court House, Thursday, May 1, at 10:00 a.m., at 450 Main Street, Hartford. Point 9 of our 10 point program. We want freedom for all black men held in Federal Courts, State, County and City Jail prisons. Point 9 of our 10 Point program we want all black people when brought to trial to be tried in court by our jurors, our own peers from their black communities as identified by their Constitution of the United States. All power to the people, black power to black people, panther power to the vanguard. I'll turn you over to JOSE GONZALVES.

"...First of all, I'd like to start out with the free breakfast for school, JOSE was talking about. This hopefully

On 4/30/69 at Hartford, Connecticut File # NH 157-800

by SA JOHN A. DANAHER, JR./mej 217 Date dictated 5/6/69

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"will be within two churches within the North End of Hartford, where we hope to get kids from the area of Bellevue Square, and the Brown area. The students that don't go to school and that go to school with the empty stomach, we hope to better their conditions by letting them have breakfast in the morning. A lot of the students go to school without breakfast in the morning and this becomes a very bad disciplinary action and when you're hungry, you can't think and you cannot really do anything if you're hungry and a lot of teachers don't understand this because they come from outside of the community where they eat three square meals a day whereas the oppressed community which we live in, the students that go to school on empty stomach does not eat three square meals a day, because sometimes he cannot afford it or his family has such large kids in the family that they cannot afford three meals, therefore, they'll have two; sometimes, one meal. This way we hope that the breakfast for school children will start a new thing for the student and give him a better outlook on life and also that this is tax deductible to all people that are interested in donating food. You can donate food by just calling 278-6947. Your checks you can send to 28 Barbour Street, Hartford, Connecticut, c/o Butch Lewis, Black Panther Party. The other thing we hope to do is better our community and we're not gangsters like a lot of people think we are. We are educated people and we want our people to be educated also, and this is why we are working hard and we gonna wear a lot of shoes out and a lot of tires on cars, to help these students. We want a better community, we don't want any more Windsor Street things like this where the Power Structure has completely evaded themselves away from the problem and of what's going on in Hartford and this is what we hope to do, by having a Black Panther Party in Hartford and we hope that all people that are listening will come out May 1, at 450 Main Street, at the Federal Court House and help us to prove ourselves that we are a strong party in Hartford and that the community will support us, black and white. This is all right now I have to say

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"about what we're doing in Hartford, and we're doing most a lot of other things that we won't go into because our program is not that vast yet."

Mr. Dibble: "How many members do you have here?"

BUTCH LEWIS: "For Security reasons we cannot evade this."

9/28/69

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-19186)

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

BLACK PANTHER PARTY
2B-BPP

Reference: New Haven airtel to Bureau 9/23/69.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AS FURNISHED BY [REDACTED]

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THAT IT CANNOT BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR TESTIMONY AND CAN ONLY
BE USED FOR INTELLIGENCE PURPOSES. INFORMATION MAY BE
DISSEMINATED IF PARAPHRASED.

On 9/25/69, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (Protect - described as having furnished
reliable information in the past, and who has permanent T
symbol number of RN T-3), advised of the five Panthers who
are receiving leadership training in Boston, one is CORNELL
WRIGHT, aka "Cookie", and the other is PHILLIP WRIGHT.
Description of CORNELL WRIGHT previously furnished in referenced
New Haven airtel.

PHILLIP WRIGHT is described as follows:

DOB [REDACTED] at Hartford, Conn., 5'10", 200 pounds,
black hair, brown eyes, SSN [REDACTED], residence
12 Allen Road, Bloomfield, Conn.

FOIA(b)(6)

Photographs of above individuals not available.

Informant stated after the five individuals received their
leadership training in Boston, they will return to New Haven
for an indefinite assignment.

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 NEW HAVEN DIVISION
 RACIAL MATTER

PERMANENT T SYMBOL ASSIGNMENTS TO INFORMANTS

Re: Bureau airtel to Albany and other offices dated 8/19/69,
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 Panther Party (BPP).

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1-Indianapolis	(157- 1061)	1-Seattle	(157- 807)
1-Jacksonville		1-Springfield	(157- 1053)
1-Kansas City	(100-12571)	1-Los Angeles	(157- 1618)
④-New Haven	(100-19186)		
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Police Department, Hartford, Connecticut.

NH T-5 - [REDACTED], Detective Bureau,
Police Department, Bridgeport, Connecticut.
(Established source)

NH T-6 - [REDACTED]

NH T-7 - [REDACTED]

NH T-8 - [REDACTED]

NH T-9 - [REDACTED]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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TITLE OF CASE BLACK PANTHER PARTY NEW HAVEN DIVISION		REPORT MADE BY SA THOMAS F. MC GORRAY	TYPED BY cah
		CHARACTER OF CASE RM-BPP	

REFERENCES: New Haven report of SA THOMAS F. MC GORRAY, dated 5/25/69, captioned, "BLACK PANTHER PARTY, RM; SMITH ACT OF 1940; SEDITION REBELLION AND INSURRECTION";
New Haven report of SA THOMAS F. MC GORRAY, 7/24/69.

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Information copies of this report have been sent to offices designated inasmuch as they are either involved in conducting an investigation or have a common interest in this case. An effort has been made in this report to keep lengthy quotes from Black Panther Party members and leaders to a minimum, however, quotes were used in the judgement of the New Haven Office where they tend to reflect pertinent Black Panther Party philosophy.

INFORMANTS

For the information of all offices receiving copies of this communication, NH T-1 through NH T-9 are Black Panther Party informants of the New Haven Office who have been given permanent T symbols in accordance with Bureau instructions. NH T-10 through NH T-18, are not permanent T symbol informants of the New Haven Office, but are known to be reliable, except where indicated.

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NH T-1 is [REDACTED]

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Detective Bureau

NH T-5 is [REDACTED]

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Bridgeport Police
Department

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Characterization of
WARREN KIMBRO
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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

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1- Secret Service, New Haven
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1- Alcohol Tobacco Firearms Division, Hartford

Report of: SA THOMAS F. MC GORRAY
Date: September 30, 1969

Office: New Haven

Field Office File #: 100-19186

Bureau File #: 105-165706-32

Title: BLACK PANTHER PARTY
NEW HAVEN DIVISION

*Classified per
Bureau r/s 5/16/78*

Character: RACIAL MATTER - BLACK PANTHER PARTY

Synopsis: The Black Panther Party, State of Conn., not formally incorporated. Location of BPP activities in Bridgeport, New Haven, and Hartford, set forth. Principal activities, funds and finances, and part of national organization set forth. Membership and leadership data included. Possession of weapons and statements of violence included herein. Publications including leaflets and general activities set forth. Communications with SDS and influences of CP set forth.

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DETAILS:

**BLACK PANTHER PARTY, also known as
Black Panther Party for Self-Defense
(BPP)**

Characterizations of the national organization of the BPP and the BPP, Connecticut, appear in the Appendix.

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downgrading and declassification.

Information relative to the original formation and establishment of the BPP in Connecticut is set forth in the characterization of the BPP Connecticut, which appears in the Appendix.

1. Incorporation

Mrs. MARY BERRY, Secretary, Incorporation Section, Secretary of State's Office, Hartford, Connecticut, has advised that records of that office do not reveal any information indicative of any attempts of the Black Panther Party to incorporate in the State of Connecticut.

2. Location of Activities in Connecticut

A. Bridgeport, Connecticut

NH T-5 advised on September 22, 1969, that the BPP in Bridgeport is no longer a formal organized group. He stated that during late March and April, 1969, BPP activities shifted mainly from Bridgeport, Connecticut, to New Haven, Connecticut, and that interest and leadership in the BPP declined to such an extent in Bridgeport that the Black Panther Party was practically non-existent in that city as an organization.

NH T-5 advised, however, that individual members of the BPP continue to be active in Bridgeport. NH T-5 stated that current known members of the Black Panther Party in Bridgeport approximate five to ten individuals.

B. New Haven, Connecticut

NH T-3 advised on September 22, 1969, that the formation of the New Haven Chapter of the Black Panther Party was authorized in mid-April, 1969, by the National Headquarters of the BPP. The leadership of this chapter at that time was JOSE GONZALVEZ, LONNIE MC LUCAS, ERICKA HUGGINS, and WARREN A. KIMBRO.

On March 13, 1969, NH T-7 advised that JOSE RENE GONZALVEZ described himself as an organizer from BPP National Headquarters, Oakland, California. This source further advised that GONZALVEZ was the State Captain for the BPP, that he was "Cuban born and Oakland trained."

On May 23, 1969, NH T-2 advised that GONZALVEZ had been suspended from the BPP because he "misinterpreted the Panther ideology."

On April 8, 1969, NH T-5 advised that LONNIE MC LUCAS had been active in the BPP in New York City and New Jersey and as of that date was the Field Lieutenant for the BPP in the State of Connecticut.

MC LUCAS has been indicted by the State of Connecticut on charges of murder, conspiracy to commit murder, kidnaping, conspiracy to commit kidnaping, and binding as a result of the murder of ALEX RACKLEY, an alleged BPP police informer, whose body was found in Middlefield, Connecticut, on May 21, 1969.

On April 2, 1969, NH T-7 advised that at a BPP program which was held at the Winslow Auditorium, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, ERICKA HUGGINS was introduced as the "Political Education Instructor of the Black Panther Party" and was one of the speakers at this program.

The May 31, 1969, Black Panther Magazine, "The Black Panther", contained an article entitled, "Fig Conspiracy Against Connecticut Panthers", which identified ERICKA HUGGINS as the Acting Deputy Chairman of the New Haven Chapter of the Black Panther Party.

ERICKA HUGGINS has been indicted by the State of Connecticut on charges of conspiracy to commit murder, kidnaping, conspiracy to commit kidnaping, and binding as a result of the murder of ALEX RACKLEY, an alleged BPP police informer, whose body was found in Middlefield, Connecticut, on May 21, 1969.

WARREN ALOYSIOUS KIMBRO was interviewed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on March 21, 1969, at which time he admitted membership in the BPP, but denied leadership in that organization.

On April 4, 1969, NH T-3 advised that at a meeting of the BPP held at New Haven, Connecticut, on March 30, 1969, WARREN KIMBRO outlined the Black Panther Party's revolutionary aims with particular emphasis made concerning the plans of the BPP for the State of Connecticut. NH T-8 advised that at that time WARREN KIMBRO was the leader of the Black Panther Party in New Haven.

On May 13, 1969, NH T-10 advised that WARREN KIMBRO was one of three individuals who shared leadership responsibility of the New Haven Chapter of the Black Panther Party.

KIMBRO has been indicted by the State of Connecticut on charges of murder, conspiracy to commit murder, kidnaping, conspiracy to commit kidnaping, and binding as a result of the murder of ALEX RACKLEY, an alleged BPP police informer, whose body was found in Middlefield, Connecticut, on May 21, 1969.

NH T-3 advised on September 22, 1969, that as a result of the arrests of the New Haven leadership of the Black Panther Party in connection with the murder of ALEX PACKLEY, an alleged Black Panther Party police informer, in May, 1969, the BPP New Haven Chapter was taken over at that time by THEODORE C. SPURLOCK.

In early August, 1969, the New Haven Chapter of the Black Panther Party was visited by National BPP Field Marshall DONALD LEE COX and according to NH T-3, COX directed a reorganization of the New Haven Chapter of the Black Panther Party. NH T-3 also advised that DOUGLAS MIRANDA, Captain of the BPP, Boston Chapter, was given the responsibility for reorganization of the New Haven Chapter of the BPP?

NH T-3 advised on September 22, 1969, that THEODORE SPURLOCK has been separated from the Black Panther Party following the reorganization of the New Haven Chapter of the BPP by DOUGLAS MIRANDA, above.

NH T-3 advised on September 9, 1969, that THEODORE SPURLOCK is the brother-in-law of WARREN KIMBRO and that he had been active in the Black Panther Party New Haven Chapter, up to the time of his expulsion from the BPP in late August or early September, 1969.

NH T-3 advised on September 22, 1969, that DOUGLAS MIRANDA is currently the leader of the New Haven Chapter of the Black Panther Party.

Concerning DOUGLAS MIRANDA, it is to be noted that he was arrested on August 7, 1969, by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at New Haven, Connecticut, on charges of interstate transportation of a stolen motor vehicle. At the time of his arrest, he had on his person what appeared to be a membership list of the New Haven Chapter of the Black Panther Party which consisted of fourteen names.

NH T-3 also advised on September 22, 1969, that in addition to local members of the New Haven Chapter of the BPP, several out of state BPP functionaries had recently been ordered into the New Haven, Connecticut area by National Headquarters of the Black Panther Party for the purpose of reorganization of the New Haven Chapter.

C. Hartford, Connecticut

During March, 1969, NH T-11 advised that the Black Panther Party was organizing or at least attempting to organize a BPP chapter in Hartford, Connecticut.

On June 23, 1969, NH T-12 advised that the Captain and then leader of the Hartford Chapter of the Black Panther Party, CHARLES "BUTCH" LEWIS, was being phased out of his position because of moderate views. NH T-12 further advised that DON WESLEY MOUNDS, of Hartford, formerly a Field Lieutenant and Political Education Instructor, was then attempting to take over the leadership of the Hartford Chapter of the Black Panther Party. NH T-12 further advised that the BPP membership at that time consisted of approximately thirty three to thirty five members.

On May 22, 1969, NH T-10 advised that DONALD MOUNDS was then the Acting Captain of the Black Panther Party Hartford Chapter.

On July 12, 1969, NH T-13 advised that DONALD MOUNDS, above, had been replaced as the Captain of the Hartford Chapter of the BPP and that MIKE FOTHERGILL had taken his place as Captain and leader of the Hartford Chapter of the BPP.

NH T-13 advised on September 16, 1969, that GERALD W. FOTHERGILL, also known as Mike Fothergill, has been active in the Black Panther Party Hartford Chapter since its inception and was now the Captain in charge of the Hartford Chapter of the Black Panther Party.

NH T-13 advised on September 16, 1969, that the current membership of the Hartford Chapter of the Black Panther Party consists of approximately thirty members.

NH T-13 also advised on September 16, 1969, that open meetings of the Black Panther Party Hartford Chapter are currently being held at 45 Canton Street, Hartford, Connecticut, and that closed meetings are being held at 57½ Barbour Street, also Hartford, Connecticut.

D. Middletown, Connecticut

On September 16, 1969, NH T-14 advised that the Middletown Chapter of the Black Panther Party was initially organized in November, 1968, by two members of the Black Panther Party from New York City and that this chapter continued organizational activity until January, 1969, at which time the members of this chapter were told to discontinue all activity by JOSE GONZALVEZ.

According to this source, members of this chapter became disinterested and the chapter ceased to function as a unit.

3. Principal Activities of the
Black Panther Party in
Connecticut

On May 1, 1969, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, observed a BPP rally being held in front of the United States Post Office, New Haven, Connecticut, which rally was in support of all "political prisoners" of the Black Panther Party, including the BPP Minister of Defense HUEY P. NEWTON. This rally was participated in by approximately forty individuals and lasted for three hours.

A characterization of HUEY P. NEWTON is contained within the characterization of the Black Panther Party national organization which appears in the Appendix.

On May 19, 1969, BPP National Chairman BOBBY GEORGE SEALE spoke at Battell Chapel, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, to an audience of approximately two hundred people. This affair was observed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

During his talk, SEALE outlined BPP philosophy regarding community action and he solicited support from the predominantly student audience.

On May 22, 1969, Chief Inspector STEPHEN AHERN, New Haven, Connecticut, Police Department, advised that his department had arrested eight members of the New Haven Chapter of the Black Panther Party on charges ranging from murder, conspiracy to commit murder, kidnaping, conspiracy to commit kidnaping, and binding in connection with the murder of ALEX RACKLEY, an alleged BPP police informer, whose body was found in Middlefield, Connecticut, on May 21, 1969.

On August 15, 1969, State's Attorney ARNOLD MARKLE, New Haven, Connecticut, advised that indictments had been returned on fifteen individuals who were reportedly known as members of the Black Panther Party, including BPP National Chairman BOBBY GEORGE SEALE. According to MARKLE, these indictments were based on charges of murder, conspiracy to commit murder, kidnaping, conspiracy to commit kidnaping and binding.

All of the above mentioned fifteen BPP members have since been arrested and are presently awaiting trial with the exception of two juvenile co-defendants who have been found guilty and were awarded probationary sentences.

On August 6, 1969, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed a "Hiroshima Day" rally held on the New Haven Green, New Haven, Connecticut, at which BPP National Field Marshall DONALD COX addressed an audience of approximately four hundred individuals. During his address, COX stated that the "pigs" had attempted to disrupt the BPP in New Haven, Connecticut, and that the BPP was reorganizing in New Haven. COX also stated that he had a message from Black Panther Party Minister of Information ELDRIDGE CLEAVER to the effect that unless the New Haven Panthers arrested in connection with the RACKLEY murder were released there would be "political consequences".

LEROY ELDRIDGE CLEAVER has been publicly identified as the Minister of Information for the Black Panther Party and is currently being sought as a fugitive from justice for unlawful flight to avoid prosecution to avoid confinement after conviction for assault with intent to commit murder.

On September 2, 1969, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed a Black Panther Party demonstration held at New Haven, Connecticut, in front of the New Haven City Hall and Circuit Court Building. This demonstration was being held in protest to all BPP members arrested in New Haven, Connecticut, and also in other parts of the United States.

Approximately nine BPP members were observed participating in this demonstration. The demonstration was peaceful, however, following the demonstration three BPP members were arrested by New Haven Police Department officers on charges of breach of the peace and abusing.

The "New Haven Register", issue of September 20, 1969, a daily newspaper published at New Haven, Connecticut, on page one, carried an article entitled, "Panthers Solicit Food for City School Children". This article stated in part as follows:

"Members of the Black Panther Party have been soliciting food from area businessmen for use in a free breakfast program for school children.

"Meat and dairy dealers have been contacted by letter and in person with requests for weekly donations of food...."

According to this article, a BPP member who was contacted at Panther Headquarters in New Haven, Connecticut, stated that a specific date for the beginning of the free breakfast program had not yet been determined. He was reported as stating that the programs would open soon in the Hill, Dixwell and Newhallville sections (predominantly Negro areas in the New Haven community).

The "Hartford Courant", a daily newspaper published at Hartford, Connecticut, issue of May 2, 1969, carried an item to the effect that the Black Panther Party had picketed the Federal Building at 450 Main Street, Hartford, Connecticut, on May 1, 1969, from 10 to 11:30 am. This article pointed out that some sixty demonstrators had paraded in front of the building as part of the nation-wide solidarity demonstration on behalf of HUEY P. NEWTON, Black Panther National Minister of Defense.

On May 26, 1969, NH T-15 advised that on May 21, 1969, the Hartford Housing Authority, Hartford, Connecticut, had received a letter from CHARLES LEWIS in which letter LEWIS identified himself as a member of the Black Panther Party, in Hartford. According to NH T-15, LEWIS in this letter requested that the Hartford Housing Authority furnish the BPP with a community room in which the Black Panthers could serve breakfasts to school children from 7 a.m. to 8:15 a.m., each morning, Monday through Friday.

The "Hartford Times", a daily newspaper published at Hartford, Connecticut, issue of May 28, 1969, page 4B, carried an article entitled, "Panther Breakfast Mobbed". This article pointed out that the Black Panther Party had fed a "virtual army" of children for the third morning in a row. This article also pointed out that the BPP had opened two breakfast centers for school children in Roman Catholic churches in the North End of Hartford and that plans to open a third in a housing project were being made.

This article further pointed out that this breakfast was financed through donations from Black and White businessmen and was being run by members of the Black Panther Party and volunteers.

The "Hartford Times" issue of July 13, 1969, on page 4B, carried an article entitled, "Panther Power with Gun".

This article pointed out that speeches made at a BPP rally the previous night in Hartford, Connecticut, ranged from moderate to militant and that Hartford Black Panther leaders told youngsters in attendance at the rally that the "future of the country is in your hands" and that the "only way to get political power is with a gun".

4. Funds and Finances

On June 19, 1969, NH T-2 advised that the BPP is in a terrible financial situation. Source stated that a BPP rally held at Newfield Park, in Bridgeport, Connecticut, brought into the Party only \$60.00. Source also advised that the Party was having difficulty raising funds for lawyers to defend the Panthers who were arrested in New York City.

On July 1, 1969, NH T-2 further advised that the Bridgeport Chapter of the BPP continues to be in dire need of money. Source stated that the Party in Bridgeport is not able to support a breakfast for children program because of the lack of funds. The Party cannot even afford to buy the BPP newspaper either through New Haven, Connecticut, nor through Oakland, California.

On September 18, 1969, Captain MALCOLM MC HENRY, Hamden Police Department, advised that Detectives of the Hamden Police Department had recently implicated TED SPURLOCK, a known member of the BPP, in New Haven, and arrested SPURLOCK for obtaining money under false pretenses. Incidental to the arrest of SPURLOCK was found a Second National Bank check book belonging to the BPP of New Haven. A review of the stubs in this checkbook reflected a balance of approximately \$5,679.42. Captain MC HENRY stated that the BPP account was closed in July by the Second National Bank for "insufficient funds". He stated that all checks written on the Panther account were fictitious after July and for this reason SPURLOCK was placed under arrest.

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5. Part of the National Organization

On August 20, 1969, NH T-7 advised that the Black Panther Party continues to maintain its headquarters at the residence of SANDRA TAYLOR, 760 Orchard Street, New Haven. Source stated that the Party is utilizing her telephone number 624-5475.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 9/8/69

The records of the Southern New England Telephone Company, 300 George Street, New Haven, Connecticut, reflect the following toll calls were made from telephone number 624-5475, listed to a SANDRA TAYLOR, 760 Orchard Street, New Haven, Connecticut, during the period July 17, 1969, to August 14, 1969:

<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Number</u>
New York, New York	7/17/69	212 661-4242
	7/17/69	212 995-3000
	7/18/69	212 661-4242 (2)
	7/18/69	212 695-6000
	7/18/69	212 255-5252
Berkeley, California	7/18/69	415 845-0103 (2)
Petersburg, Virginia	7/20/69	703 732-7533 (2)
Greensboro, North Carolina	7/25/69	919 273-6063
Petersburg, Virginia	7/27/69	703 732-7533
	7/28/69	703 732-7533
New York, New York	8/1/69	212 294-6378
Petersburg, Virginia	8/3/69	703 732-7533
New York, New York	8/5/69	212 691-6781
	8/5/69	212 691-6783
Tacoma, Washington	8/5/69	206 967-2211
New York, New York	8/5/69	212 864-8951
	8/6/69	212 666-3603
Roxbury, Massachusetts	8/6/69	617 427-9693
Berkeley, California	8/6/69	415 848-6705
	8/6/69	415 845-0103 (3)
	8/6/69	415 848-6705
Roxbury, Massachusetts	8/6/69	617 442-0100
	8/7/69	617 427-9693 (2)
New York, New York	8/7/69	212 691-6783
Roxbury, Massachusetts	8/8/69	617 427-9693
New York, New York	8/9/69	212 864-8951
Roxbury, Massachusetts	8/9/69	617 427-9693
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New York, New York	8/10/69	212 864-8951
	8/13/69	212 864-8951
	8/14/69	212 864-8951
Chicago, Illinois	8/14/69	312 243-8276

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Director, Southern New England
Telephone Company, 227 Church
Street, New Haven, Connecticut.

6. Membership and Leadership
of the Black Panther Party

On September 23, 1969, NH T-3 advised that the BPP continues to change its leadership on an almost daily basis. Source advised that the New Haven Party is under the over all direction of DONALD COX, a BPP leader from the west coast.

DONALD LEE COX has been identified as a BPP Field Marshal operating for the present time out of New York City.

Source stated that COX has ordered DOUGLAS MIRANDA, a Captain from Boston, Massachusetts, to co-ordinate the activities of the New Haven BPP prior to the arrival of Chairman BOBBY SEALE for his trial.

On September 22, 1969, NH T-7 advised that he talked with DAVID QUICK, a BPP member from Boston. Source advised that QUICK claims to be "acting Captain" for the BPP in New Haven and is preparing New Haven to take part in protests during the trial of Chairman BOBBY SEALE. Source stated that there are approximately 12 to 15 BPP members from out of state now living at 760 Orchard Street, New Haven, Connecticut.

7. Acts of Violence

A. Possession of Weapons

On September 22, 1969, NH T-9, advised he attended a BPP meeting on September 20, 1969, at New Haven, Connecticut, at the address of SANDRA TAYLOR, 760 Orchard Street. Source stated that during this meeting he observed several Panthers in possession of weapons. Source stated he was not certain as to the exact makes or models but that he had observed what appeared to be two rifles with scopes which were being stored in a wooden case in the living room of 760 Orchard Street.

B. Statements of Violence

On August 6, 1969, NH T-7 advised that a rally and demonstration was conducted by several militant groups on the New Haven Green. Source stated that one of the principal speakers at this rally was DONALD COX, Field Marshal, Black Panther Party. Source stated that the Black Panther Party wanted to obtain power and would eventually do so one way or another. COX spoke concerning the BPP Ten Point Program and stated that America is a "fascist state". COX also spoke concerning the national committee to combat fascism and stated that the Black Panther Party would destroy America before allowing it to continue as a fascist state.

8. Publications Including Leaflets

There follows several copies of Black Panther Party Publications and leaflets. The originals of these leaflets are contained in New Haven file 100-19186-1A.

The BLACK PANTHERS

Twelve members of New Haven's Black Panther Party are still in jail—all without bail—convicted by the *New Haven Register-Journal Courier* without benefit of trial by jury—denied their rights—

why?

This is a political case. The Black Panther Party is an organization of black people working to change the economic and social system of this country. They oppose the way in which this system divides black people from white people, preventing them from uniting to work for their common benefit.

Any group, especially black people, that works for serious basic change in this country is a threat to those in power. Students and others who oppose the war and the military, workers who want change in the factories and on their jobs, black people who demand a different economic and political system—all these people are feared by those in power. And if all these groups seeking changes can see they have common goals, then the ruling elite will surely be in trouble.

The Black Panthers have been jailed in many cities besides New Haven. The Panthers understand that unity between black and white people is necessary for any meaningful change that will benefit those who work to produce this country's wealth, but have been consistently denied access to it.

the black panthers speak

"We're not worried about skin [color]. We've understood and told the people that it's a class struggle — the upper class exploiting and oppressing the lower class."

"The four key Panther Programs are breakfast for children, the petition campaign for community control of the police, free health clinics in the black community, and black liberation schools in the black community."

"The power structure is going to be making attacks on those who are trying to initiate the struggle...as we go through a 'legal process' that's supposed to be for the people, we get attacked and shot and murdered."

"Our program is a universal one, applicable to all working people."

panthers and the military

The Panthers believe that black people especially should not serve in the military. Point 6 of the Panther Platform states in part "we believe that Black people should not be forced to fight in the military service to defend a racist government that does not protect us. We will not fight and kill other people of color in the world who, like Black people, are being victimized by the white racist government of America."

The Panthers recognize that United States military involvement overseas does not serve the interests of the people. We agree. In support of the stand of the Black Panther Party against the war in Vietnam and American military policy, there will be a demonstration on the New Haven Green.



JOIN US IN DEMONSTRATING
NEW HAVEN GREEN
5:00 pm PICKET FEDERAL COURT HOUSE
6:30 pm RALLY AND SPEAKERS
WED., AUGUST 6, 1969



UNITE WITH THE
BLACK PANTHERS
TO FIGHT OPPRESSION

POWER
TO THE PEOPLE

Draft Action Group/Resistance 865-4982 American Independent Movement 737-0123 New Haven SANE

Bayonet displays and gas attacks are becoming ever more frequent in the cities of our country. They have become the open weapons of federal, state and local governments for suppression of popular discontent and public protest.

The National Guard and the police are increasingly using force and terror on college campuses, in the black ghettos and on picket lines. Every American's right to freedom of assembly and expression is being threatened by these actions.

In the name of "law and order", police clubs and jailings are being used by the authorities to silence just demands for jobs, education and a decent living.

This is the framework in which the citizens of our community should view the outcry of New Haven police, press and politicians against the Black Panther Party leaders. Behind their charge of "conspiracy to murder" is the effort to destroy an organization which has challenged racist rule, injustice and indignity under which black people have suffered far too long.

This is not the first case of persecution of those who unite to improve their condition. But it IS time to speak out and act so that it shall be the last!

Trade unionists should recall that early labor organizations were denounced by employers and brought to trial as "conspiracies." Our history is full of frame-ups, imprisonments and even executions of labor's martyrs. We all know today that they struggled and suffered for all of us.

What were the New Haven Panthers doing? They were preparing to serve daily free breakfasts for children in our city schools. They called for support of the Hill Health Center and for free medical care for working people and their families.

Their "crime" was to put the spotlight upon a system that cynically pretends to care for the needs of the people.

Eight men and women, two of them minors, were jailed in New Haven - and other arrests followed in cities across the country - in an effort to destroy the Black Panther organization. Bail has so far been denied!

Democratic rights for all Americans are at stake. Victimization of the Panthers will only ease the way for the Nixon administration's growing use of the courts and police repression. This cannot be allowed by those who want an end to poverty, racism and war.

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE of the Black Panther case victims!

AID to Black Panther legal defense!

AN END to police infiltration and persecution of people's organizations!

Issued by Communist Party of Connecticut, June, 1969
National Office, 23 West 26 St., New York, N.Y. 10010

Carmen Lake 7/31/69

AND CHAIRMAN BOBBY SEALE!

TEACH-IN THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 25 8:00 PM YALE LAW SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Fifteen Panthers, including National Chairman Bobby Seale, are currently being held without bail in connection with an alleged conspiracy to commit murder. The New Haven Police Department, courts and newspapers have already convicted the Panthers. This premature conviction is part of a nation-wide series of attacks on the Black Panther Party by local authorities and the F.B.I. In the attempt to destroy the Panthers over two hundred members have been arrested and at least twenty shot to death in the streets.

Police and the FBI around the country have used the New Haven case to harrass other branches of the BPP. In Chicago the Black Panther office was fire-bombed, broken into and busted up. Eight members of the Illinois branch were arrested on charges of harboring a "fugitive from justice" wanted in New Haven. No fugitive was found, but the eight were arrested anyway. The Panther office in Denver was ransacked by police in search of people wanted in New Haven. During these harrassments Panther printing presses were smashed, literature destroyed and money from the Breakfast for Children program stolen by the police.

THE PANTHER PROGRAM

Through programs designed to serve the people directly, the Panthers expose the failures of the governmental and corporate institutions to meet the needs of all the people. Through Breakfast for Children, Liberation Schools, free clothing and health clinics, and self-defense programs the Panthers combine concrete action with education.

While corporations reap enormous profits they do not pay their workers enough to raise a family adequately. The BPP's Breakfast for Children program serves the people and points up the failure of our social system to do so.

While the schools and media perpetuate the myth of a free and open society, the BPP's education program exposes the reality of economic and cultural slavery and teaches the necessity for militant struggle.

While the police, in an attempt to destroy all resistance, constantly terrorize the Black community, the Black Panther Party seeks to arm the people for self-defense.

WHY THE PANTHER PARTY?

The BPP realizes that the system is incapable of producing the far-reaching changes necessary to free black people from their oppression. The BPP is being attacked because they are teaching the people to fight their oppressors. Their slogan "All Power to the People!" is revolutionary: capitalism can never meet that demand. Capitalism means that wealth and power are held by a few and kept from the people. The Black Panther Party labels the real enemies of the people: the big businessman, and the politicians and policeman

attempt to silence their message to the young, the poor, the workers, the powerless.

The Black Panther Party is fighting for the liberation of all people. They are fighting capitalism because that system breeds the urban slums, unemployment, racism, poverty, oppression of women and continual foreign wars witnessed every day. The Panthers speak to the anger we all feel, the anger we vent against each other. Instead of constant warfare between black and white, men and women, young and old, American and Vietnamese, the Panthers say: "Join together and fight your enemy." Our enemy fears that most of all.

The Black Panther Party fights for socialism, because socialism means "All Power to the People." A socialist society is run by all the people, to serve the needs of all the people. The people's needs determine what is produced, not the motive of private profit.

By obstructing the growth of the black community through miseducation, terrible living conditions and police intimidation, the capitalists perpetuate the degrading myths of black "inferiority" in order to crush the confidence to fight for self-determination.

Under capitalism, the masses of people are oppressed, but blacks face even greater oppression than whites. Black unemployment and infant mortality rates are twice that of whites. Average black income is little more than half that of whites; life expectancy is six years less.

Capitalist education teaches us lies about our history. It ignores the vital role working people, and in particular, black people have played in building our country. The schools train people only for the jobs available -- the means a rigid tracking system, decaying schools, stifled curiosity, and police-like teachers. For black people who get the worst jobs, schools are the most oppressive.

The war in Vietnam hurts us all but twice as many blacks fight and die there as do whites.

The special oppression black people face as an entire people inside white America is what we mean by racism. Capitalism, a system which divides people, breeds racism. Only socialism, a system which unites people, can destroy it.

Because the Panthers reveal the true nature of our society, they have come up against the full force of the capitalist police state. Through jailings and shootings, firebombs and frame-ups, the full force of the state is being used to prevent them from being heard.

But the Panthers will be heard. We will fight to free our brothers and sisters.

FREE THE PANTHER 15!

FREE BOBBY SEALE!

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

TEACH-IN THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 25 8:00 PM YALE LAW SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

New Haven SDS (rym), People's Committee to Defend the Panthers,
Black Panther Party.

MINISTRY OF
INFORMATION
BULLETIN NO. 1



FREE HUEY

FREE THE
CONN. 15

FREE ALL POLITICAL
PRISONERS





FREE CHAIRMAN SEAL

"WE SHALL HAVE OUR MANHOOD.
WE SHALL HAVE IT OR THE
EARTH WILL BE LEVELED
BY OUR ATTEMPTS TO
GAIN IT..."

—ELDRIDGE CLEAVER

BLACK PANTHER PARTY
NEW HAVEN BRANCH
760 ORCHARD STREET
624-5465

OPEN BRUTALITY & TERROR AGAINST THE PEOPLE'S SERVANTS

Ever since May 21, 1969 12 members of the New Haven Branch of the Black Panther Party, have been held in the racist prisons of the oppressor — the Connecticut State Government. These lying pigs are trying to make the people believe that these Party members, who were trying to serve, educate, and solve the problems of the people here in our community, who were trying to liberate their people from the foul hands of robbing, racist America, murdered one of their own revolutionary brothers, Alex Rackley, a Panther Party member from New York. The New Haven Black Panthers did not kill their own revolutionary brother Alex.

THE RACIST PIGS KILLED ALEX RACKLEY, JUST LIKE THEY HAVE BEEN KILLING AND BEATING AND HANGING OTHER BLACK PEOPLE THROUGH OUR WHOLE HISTORY HERE IN AMERICA.

The pigs killed Brother Alex and blamed it on the New Haven Panthers, because they want to destroy the real protectors, the real servants of the people — the Black Panther Party.

The pigs killed Brother Alex and blamed it on the New Haven Panthers because they want the people to be afraid of the information the Panthers have for the people. The pigs killed Brother Alex and blamed it on the New Haven Panthers because they didn't want the people find out the truth about what's really happening to them here in New Haven and here in robbing, racist America. The pigs killed Brother Alex and blamed it on the New Haven Panthers because they don't want the Panthers to feed hungry school children here in New Haven.

The Black Panther Party is a political party for Black people and all other oppressed and exploited people here in racist, robbing America. We are not a bunch of dope addicts, crazy murderers, that our enemies and your enemies try to make you, the people believe we are. We are servants of the people, We love the people, We are working wholeheartedly for the people, We are honestly working for the complete liberation of and freedom of our people and all other oppressed and exploited people.

THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY GOES FORTH TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE, NOT MURDER AND LIE TO THEM
ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

HELP FREE THE NEW HAVEN PANTHERS

SERVING THE PEOPLE

**THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY INVITES THE PEOPLE OF THE NEW HAVEN COMMUNITY
TO ATTEND A MEETING THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 8:00 o'clock**

HILL BLACK ARTS THEATRE

335 WESTPORTSEA STREET

WE WILL DISCUSS THE UPCOMING TRIAL OF THE NEW HAVEN PANTHERS

RECENT ARREST OF CHAIRMAN BOBBY SEALE FREE BREAKFAST PROGRAM

GENERAL DISCUSSION ABOUT THE PARTY'S TEN POINT PROGRAM AND PLATFORM

COMMUNITY PROBLEMS

MOVIES WILL BE SHOWN

"YOU CAN IMPRISON REVOLUTIONARIES , BUT YOU CAN'T IMPRISON A REVOLUTION."

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

CHAIRMAN BOBBY KIDNAPPED BY BERKELEY PIGS

To kidnap Chairman Bobby Seale on charges of kidnapping, conspiracy to kidnap, murder and conspiracy to commit murder in connection with the slaying of Alex Rackley is absurd and ridiculous. Fourteen Panthers have already been framed for the murder of Brother Rackley and now the fascist federal government is trying to frame the Chairman of the Black Panther Party.

The kidnap of Bobby Seale is the latest in a series of fascist attacks by the pig power structure to destroy the leadership and organization of the Black Panther Party. We in the Party, recognize fascism for exactly what it is. Fascism is open terrorist vengeance against black people, the poor, the students, workers and all the people who will say "no more" to the open repression that is going on in America.

Pig Chief James Ahern is quoted as saying "Seale spoke at Yale University May 19, and was in New Haven at the time of the slaying." This is a bare-face lie. According to the report of the pigs, Alex Rackley was slain on May 21, 1969.

The re-arrest of Chairman Bobby, after he had been ransomed out of jail for the amount of \$25,000.00 on charges of flight to avoid prosecution is equally absurd. The pigs know where he was all along. All they had to do was ask our attorneys to produce him.

Our Minister of Defense, Huey P. Newton is in jail, Eldridge Cleaver has been forced to flee the country, our Chief of Staff, David Hilliard is being framed on trumped-up charges. And now Chairman Bobby has these ridiculous charges made against him! But the blatant fascist attacks against our leadership will not destroy the Party. We will continue to serve the people with the Free Clothing Program for Children, The Free Breakfast Programs, the Liberation Schools, Free Health Clinics and the Free Lunch Programs.

"Historically, all reactionary forces on the verge of extinction invariably conduct a last desperate struggle against the revolutionary forces, and some revolutionaries are apt to be deluded for a time by this phenomenon of outward strength but inner weakness, failing to grasp the essential fact that the enemy is nearing extinction while they themselves are approaching victory." (Red Book page 83)

Huoy P. Newton has said that "we are oxen to be ridden by the

people." We will continue to serve the people and we will grow stronger.

WITHOUT THE PEOPLE'S ARMY THE PEOPLE HAVE NOTHING

THE SPIRIT OF THE PEOPLE IS GREATER THAN THE MAN'S TECHNOLOGY

WELFARE PIGS REFUSE TO GIVE MOTHERS MONEY TO PURCHASE BACK TO SCHOOL CLOTHING FOR THEIR CHILDREN

The New Haven Welfare Mothers are demanding that this racist power structure gives them a sufficient amount of money to purchase back-to-school clothing for their children. In Connecticut, welfare recipients are allowed \$12.50 to purchase a winter coat for a growing boy of 13. The average monthly clothing allowance is \$6.80 per child which is totally inadequate. The pig power structure had the nerve to oink in the face of the people when the mothers appeared at the State Welfare Department in Hartford, demanding to talk to the State Welfare Commissioner, Edward Shapiro. The demagogue (lying, deceiving) punk ran away into hiding after he got word that the mothers were on their way to Hartford with their children. Rather than face the mothers, their children, and have to deal with their needs he had his flunkies report that he had "just received a hay fever attack."

You would think that this was cruel enough but along comes bone-nosed Richard Milhouse Nixon, oinking that things are going to be better for welfare recipients by offering a \$1,600 minimum in aid per year. This might be an improvement in Mississippi, but in Connecticut its like throwing crumbs in the face of the people. Yet these same running dogs politicians who are the human properties of finance capital (the flunkies of Hunt, Dupont, Rockefeller, Kennedy, Etc..) can allocate billions and billions of dollars to send monkeys as astro pigs to the moon. But when it comes to the basic needs of the "wretched of the earth", the people who have been enslaved by this oppressive capitalistic system cannot even begin to meet those needs—food, clothing, housing, education. The response to the people from the fascist pigs—the lying politicians, the greedy businessmen and the racist pig cops is "OINK!"

The cost of living has gone to outer space aboard the latest spaceship.

And all that the fascist U.S. Government does for the poor is raise taxes, decrease the services, make cutbacks, and oink empty words. The criminal clothing allotment to Welfare recipients points out the major difference in this corrupt American society, the difference between the haves (the exploiters—the people who own the means of production) and the have-nots (the exploited—the people who are overworked, underpaid, and overcharged for material merchandise which they themselves work to produce).

The Black Panther Party calls upon the people of the New Haven community to support the Welfare Mothers by participating in a demonstration on Wednesday, September 3rd, 1968. Meet at Dixwell Plaza 8:00 AM in the morning to march with the mothers to the Welfare Department on Bassett Street. **POWER TO THE WELFARE MOTHERS**

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

FREE NUY

FREE BOBBY SEALE

FREE THE NEW HAVEN PANTHERS

FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS

FREE ALL OPPRESSED PEOPLE

THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY IS ASKING THE PEOPLE OF THE COMMUNITY TO INFORM US OF ANY
VACANT HOUSES IN THE COMMUNITY THAT ARE FOR SALE OR FOR RENT FOR THE PURPOSE
OF ESTABLISHING A COMMUNITY INFORMATION CENTER, FREE MEDICAL CLINICS,
FREE BREAKFAST PROGRAM, AND A LIBERATION SCHOOL FOR THE PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY

IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS, PLEASE CONTACT
BLACK PANTHER PARTY NEW HAVEN
760 ORCHARD STREET TELEPHONE 624-5475

FREE THE NEW HAVEN PANTHERS

9. General Activities

On September 5, 1969, NH T-7 advised the Black Panther Party of New Haven held a public meeting to discuss its programs and the upcoming trial of the Connecticut 15 accused of the murder of the victim ALEX RACKLEY. This meeting was held on September 4, 1969, at the Black Arts Theatre, 335 West Portsea Street, New Haven. This meeting was attended by approximately 125 persons, 15 of whom were members of the BPP. The meeting commenced at approximately 8:00 p.m. and lasted until 9:45 p.m. One of the speakers was identified as ROSCOE LEE from New York City. Several Panthers from outside the New Haven area were present at this meeting. LEE spoke concerning police attempts to destroy the Black Panther Party all over the country. He stated that Panthers are coming from all over the United States to help the Connecticut Panthers and to help the people of New Haven acquire better homes, food, and jobs, and to stop the brutality of the people. LEE stated that the BPP of New Haven did not kill ALEX RACKLEY but the Federal Bureau of Investigation killed RACKLEY and tried to blame the Black Panther Party to make the Party look bad. He stated he was here in Connecticut to get the people organized and together.

10. Connections With Other Groups

Students For A Democratic Society

On September 24, 1969, NH T-7 advised that the Black Panther Party was distributing leaflets advertising a "teach-in" to be held September 25, 1969, at 8:00 p.m. at the Yale Law School Auditorium at New Haven, Connecticut. Source stated that this teach-in was sponsored by the New Haven Students For A Democratic Society (SDS), People's Community to defend the Panthers and the Black Panther Party.

A characterization of the SDS appears in the Appendix Section of this report.

11. Influence of the Communist Party

On September 8, 1969, NH T-6, furnished the following information:

On Sunday, September 7, 1969, an emergency meeting of the Connecticut State Communist Party (CP) was held at 37 Howe Street, New Haven, Connecticut, from 10:00 a.m. to about 1:15 p.m. Among those present were the following: (C)

SID TAYLOR
CARL WINTER
ROOSEVELT WARD
EDWARD CAMPBELL
CRAIG GOUTHIER

NH T-6 reported that SIDNEY TAYLOR is the Chairman of the Connecticut CP, and that CARL WINTER is one of the two co-editors of the "Daily World". (C)

The "Daily World" is an east coast Communist newspaper.

On May 14, 1969, NH T-16 identified CARL WINTER as having been elected to the National Committee of the CP, USA, at the National Convention of the CP, USA, held on April 30, 1969, to May 3, 1969, at Brooklyn, New York.

On April 20, 1969, NH T-17, reported that at the CP State Convention held in New Haven, Connecticut, on April 20, 1969, ROOSEVELT WARD was elected a delegate to the National CP Convention to be held at Brooklyn, New York, on April 30, 1969. (C/

On July 12, 1968, NH T-18 reported that EDWARD CAMPBELL attended the Special Mission Convention of the CP, USA, held at New York City on July 4 to 7, 1968.

On July 30, 1969, NH T-7 advised that CRAIG GOUTHIER is a member of the BPP [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] he was in his six weeks political orientation course and attended classes every night. (c)

SIDNEY TAYLOR, the chairman of the meeting, said that CARL WINTER was present to tell him about the need for money to help the Panthers. (c)

CARL WINTER began by stating that it was important to use every means at their command to refute the NIXON life. He continued that with all of the arrests that they are making of the Panthers throughout the United States, they are trying to destroy the democratic rights not of just the Panthers, but of all the people. He stated that they all knew BOBBY SEALE had just been arrested in California, and they are trying to pin the murder of RACKLEY on BOBBY SEALE. WINTER stated that they (i.e. the government) had no proof that RACKLEY could have been murdered by the Panthers and that for all "we" know, RACKLEY could have been murdered by the New Haven Police or they may have had him killed. He said that "we" cannot let the opportunity go by to help the Panther Party. WINTER explained that the way "we" are going to get such help is by approaching civic organizations such as churches, labor unions, the NAACP, and SDS. WINTER said "we" are going to have a fact sheet made and the information for the fact sheet will be obtained from the attorneys of the arrested Panthers. (c)

A characterization of the Students For A Democratic Society (SDS) appears in the Appendix. (c)

CRAIG GOUTHIER and EDWARD CAMPBELL volunteered to contact GEORGE JOHNSON, a New Haven, Connecticut, lawyer, who is one of the attorneys for the Panthers, for the purpose of ascertaining where each of the Panthers was imprisoned. WINTER pointed out that all of the four Panther girls are kept separated in prisons far distant from each other, making it difficult for their parents to visit them. He also pointed out that one of the girls is pregnant. WINTER said he wanted to get such information on a fact sheet so it could be used by speakers in talking before churches, civic groups, the NAACP, etc. (C)

SID TAYLOR interrupted to say he did not believe they would get much information from a lawyer. An argument then ensued as to whether they could obtain such information. It was finally decided that if they got the necessary information, each person at the meeting would go to their organization, church or labor union, and present the facts to them from a democratic point of view and not from a communist point of view (i.e. don't disclose any CP connections) to show the same thing could happen to any one of them. (C)

WINTER said he was surprised that no one had sent an article to the "Daily World" regarding the progress being made in the Panther trial. WINTER said he did not want newspaper articles from the imperialist press, but he did want eye-witness accounts by people who can tell what they see and hear. WINTER asked for a couple of volunteers who would do this. ED CAMPBELL and CRAIG GOUTHIER from New Haven agreed to send in any news they get on the Panthers. (C)

WINTER said that he is going to send CHARLES HIGHTOWER, a writer from the "Daily World", to New Haven for two days to do a story on the Panthers' arrest. He continued that they would like to have someone who knew about the arrest firsthand, meet with HIGHTOWER. GOUTHIER volunteered to meet with HIGHTOWER and WINTER asked him how he knew about the arrest. GOUTHIER replied that he is a member of the Panther Party and he was present at the meeting where RACKLEY supposedly was murdered. GOUTHIER continued that he was not present when the murder was supposed to have taken place because he was going back and forth taking people home after

the meeting had ended. GOUTHIER stated that he did not see how RACKLEY could have been killed in the place where the meeting was held as was reported in the New Haven newspapers. GOUTHIER said he had in his car the tape recorder they claimed was found in the Panther headquarters. GOUTHIER stated he would be glad to give all the information he could to CHARLES HIGHTOWER. He explained that the only reason he admitted he is a member of the Panthers was so that all present (at the meeting) would know he had first-hand information. (c)

CARL WINTER suggested they should set up an emergency committee to consist of SID TAYLOR and ED CAMPBELL and CRAIG GOUTHIER. WINTER continued that these three people should get all the information on this case, the amount of money being raised, and the identity of the attorney for the Panthers. He continued that this committee should report back to a meeting of the Connecticut State CP at 37 Howe Street, New Haven, Connecticut, on Saturday, September 20, 1969. (c)

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APPENDIX

**BLACK PANTHER PARTY, aka
Black Panther Party for
Self-Defense**

According to its official newspaper, the Black Panther Party (BPP) was started during December, 1966, in Oakland, California, to organize black people so they can take control of the life, politics, and the destiny of the black community. It was organized by BOBBY GEORGE SEALE, BPP Chairman, and HUEY P. NEWTON, BPP Minister of Defense. NEWTON is presently serving a sentence of two to fifteen years on a conviction of manslaughter in connection with the killing of an Oakland police officer.

The official newspaper, "The Black Panther", which further describes itself as the "Black Community News Service", stated that the BPP advocates the use of guns and guerrilla tactics in its revolutionary program to end oppression of the black people. Residents of the black community are urged to arm themselves against the police who are consistently referred to in the publication as "pigs" who should be killed.

"The Black Panther" issue of September 7, 1968, contains an editorial by BPP Minister of Education, GEORGE WASON MURRAY, which ends with the following:

"Black men. Black people, colored persons of America, revolt everywhere! Arm yourselves. The only culture worth keeping is revolutionary culture. Change. Freedom everywhere. Dynamite! Black Power, Use the gun. Kill the pigs everywhere."

Included in the introduction to an article appearing in the October 5, 1968, edition of "The Black Panther" is the statement, "...we will not dissent from American Government. We will overthrow it."

Issues of the "Black Panther" regularly contain quotations from the writings of Chairman MAO Tse-tung of the People's Republic of China and feature MAO's statement that "political power grows out of the barrel of a gun."

The National headquarters of the BPP is located at 3106 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley, California. Branches have been established at various locations throughout the United States.

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BLACK PANTHER PARTY - CONNECTICUT
also known as Black Panther Party
for Self-Defense

On January 29, 1969, the "Bridgeport Telegram", a daily newspaper published at Bridgeport, Connecticut, contained in part the following:

"On January 28 (1969) the Black Panther Party was formed in Bridgeport, JOSE RENE GONZALVEZ announced last night at a meeting at party headquarters, 510 East Main Street. Mr. GONZALVEZ, a Cuban-born, Oakland-trained black defense captain, spoke to twenty Negro youths in his mission here to organize a chapter of the political party..."

On March 18, 1969, the following Black Panther literature, published locally, was distributed in the Bridgeport, Connecticut, area. It read in part as follows:

"The BPP is a party that will produce for the people and its members will do anything and everything possible to meet the demands of the poor oppressed black people. We are not a hoodlum gang, nor did we come here to kill white people or the police. We came here to stop racist actions that the oppressors (black and white) have been taking upon our people. We are the vanguard party and we intend to provide leadership for the people and revolutionary groups across the country..."

A source advised as of April 14, 1969, the New Haven Chapter of the Black Panther Party was operating under the authority of the National Organization. JOSE RENE GONZALVEZ had been given the authority to open this chapter in New Haven and to organize throughout the State of Connecticut.

GONZALVEZ departed Connecticut in early May, 1969, and attempted to organize the Black Panther Party in Greensboro, North Carolina, for which he was suspended. State leadership in Connecticut was taken over by WARREN KIMBRO, a member and leader of the New Haven Chapter of the Black Panther Party, and ERICKA HUGGINS, political educational instructor.

BLACK PANTHER PARTY - CONNECTICUT

On May 19, 1969, BOBBY GEORGE SEALE, National Black Panther Party Chairman, spoke at Battell Chapel, Elm and College Streets, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut. SEALE spoke in part as follows:

"...The struggle we are involved in is not a racial struggle, but a class struggle. We have to define the revolution that's occurring in this country as a people struggle...We've got to teach these kids to use guns so that when the racist pig comes down into our community and brutalizes our people, we are gonna kill...If we catch a pig brutalizing our people in the black community, we are gonna kill him - we are gonna stop him."

On April 20, 1969, a second source advised that the Communist Party of Connecticut, held a State Convention at the Peoples Center, 37 Howe Street, New Haven, Connecticut, on that date. During this convention, it was announced that there was going to be a memorial service in New Haven on that date for three Black Panthers who were slain a year ago; and all members of the Communist Party were invited to attend this memorial.

The Black Panther Party presently has chapters in Bridgeport, New Haven, Hartford, and Middletown, Connecticut. Their leadership is presently confused since eight members of the Black Panther Party were arrested by the New Haven Police Department for the murder of ALEX RACKLEY, alleged Black Panther Party member from New York City, whose body was found in Middlefield, Connecticut, on May 21, 1969.

The National Organization of the Black Panther Party is characterized separately.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~1.STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

A source has advised that the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), as it is known today, came into being at a founding convention held at Port Huron, Michigan, in June, 1962. From an initial ideological posture of "participatory democracy," the current line of the national leadership reveals an adherence to Marxism-Leninism. Michael Klonsky, National Secretary, in March, 1969, called for the building of a revolutionary Marxist-Leninist movement. The program of SDS has moved from involvement in civil rights struggles to an anti-Vietnam war position and finally to its present advocacy of an anti-imperialist line, linking up the oppressed peoples of Asia, Africa, and Latin America with the black liberation movement in the United States. China, Vietnam, and Cuba are regarded as countries which are leading the world-wide struggles against United States imperialism. On the other hand, SDS regards the Soviet Union as an imperialist power and does not support the policies of that country.

SDS maintains a National Office in Room 206, 1608 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois. Its official paper "New Left Notes" reflects the line of the national leadership and program adopted at meetings of the National Council and National Interim Committee (NIC). Three national officers and a NIC of eleven members are elected each year during a June National Convention.

SDS Regional Offices and university and college chapters elect delegates to National Council meetings wherein program and ideology are debated, but each Region and chapter is autonomous in nature and is free to carry out independent policy and programs reflective of local conditions.

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Title **BLACK PANTHER PARTY
NEW HAVEN DIVISION**

Character **RACIAL MATTER - BPP**

Reference **New Haven report of SA
THOMAS F. MC GORRAY,
dated and captioned as
above.**

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-1079) (P)

10/13/69

SA JOHN A. DANAHER, JR.

BLACK PANTHER PARTY
HARTFORD CHAPTER
RM - BPP

[redacted] (NH T-3), advised 9/19/69 he had been approached on 9/17/69 by a MEL BRASWELL who asked if he, [redacted], would be interested in joining the Black Panther Party in Hartford, [redacted] inquired as to the reason, and BRASWELL stated the BPP would need signs painted, and [redacted].

[redacted] stated he told BRASWELL he was interested and asked what to do.

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BRASWELL stated [redacted] would have to attend meetings of the BPP in Hartford, but at the moment all of them are being held in New Haven on Saturday mornings. [redacted] was told that he would also have to make his car available for use by the BPP.

BRASWELL stated the BPP was trying to collect money and food for a program which would allow them to feed young children in the mornings before they left for school.

[redacted] stated he was going to attend meetings of the group, and keep in touch with BRASWELL.

- 1 - 100-19186 (BPP)
- 1 - [redacted] (Sub 1-2)
- 1 - 157-dead [redacted]
- 1 - 157-1311 (M. Braswell)
- ① 157-1079 (BPP, Hartford Chap.)

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SA JOHN A. DANAHY, JR.

BLACK PANTHER PARTY
HARTFORD CHAPTER
RM - BPP

[REDACTED] (NM T-9), advised 9/22/69 he had attended a meeting of the BPP in New Haven, Conn., at 780 Orchard St., 9/20/69. At that time, he noted about 22 people were present. Informant stated he recognized the following at the meeting:

WILLIAM WEAVER
DOUGLAS MIRANDA
CORNELL WRIGHT
BRUCE RYLES
ROBERT WHITE
CHICO LNU

FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

It was announced at this time that there were to be five of the members sent to Boston for training as leaders for the BPP, and one of them would be designated the Hartford Field Captain when the course was completed in two months. Two of those to be sent to Boston were BRUCE RYLES and CORNELL WRIGHT. The names of the others were not known.

It was also stated that five other members were to be assigned to classes in New Haven for special training. The names of these five were not announced.

Informant stated that none of the members is to wear the black tan except on BPP business for too many crimes are being blamed on the Panthers when they had nothing to do with them.

1 - 100-19186 (BPP)
1 - [REDACTED] (Sub 1-3)
1 - 157-dead (William Weaver)
1 - 157- (Douglas Miranda)
1 - 157-1310 (Bruce Ryles)
1 - 157-1282 (Cornell Wright)
1 - 157-1079 (BPP, Hartford Chap.)
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Informant advised that the leader in New Haven, DOUGLAS MIRANDA, stated that the thoughts expressed by some members to assassinate the West Hartford policeman who shot a young boy in Hartford were to be forgotten for those ideas did not come from National Headquarters, and such actions were not to be taken without authorization from headquarters.

Informant stated a white male was present. He identified himself as a member of the SDS, and stated that the SDS was interested in helping to provide bail money for the arrested members of the NPP in New Haven.

Informant stated that when he walked into the apartment at 750 Orchard St., he noted that those present were cleaning guns. He stated the guns consisted of two sub-machine guns, several repeating rifles, and a good number of pistols of various makes. They were all returned to a wooden chest which was then in the living room.

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SA JOHN A. DANAHER, JR.

BLACK PANTHER PARTY
HARTFORD CHAPTER
RM - BPP

[REDACTED] (NH T-9), advised 10/8/69 he had attended a meeting of the BPP in New Haven, Conn., at 35 Sylvan Ave., 10/7/69.

A meeting of some type had been held in New Haven 10/7/69 at 35 Sylvan Ave. He stated that from Hartford, the following had appeared:

RONALD FREEMAN
ROBERT L. WHITE
CLAUDE LNU
ROLAND LNU

FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

Informant stated he is not aware of the reason for the meeting and did not know what had been discussed.

Informant stated he learned a new meeting place is being set up for the Hartford BPP, and it will be located in the rear of a house next to a former restaurant on Capen St., near Martin.

He also learned the Hartford BPP is trying to plan a dance at the Parker Memorial on Main St., in the near future. Proceeds are to build up a treasury for the Hartford group.

Informant state a white male, American, in his 20's, 5'6", thin, long hair, beard, always comes in late, says nothing, except that he is a member of the SDS, and indicates he is from Yale.

1 - 100-19136 (BPP)
① - 157-1079 (BPP, Hartford)
1 - 157- (R. Freeman)
1 - 157- (R. White)
1 - 157-dead (William Weaver)
1 - [REDACTED] (Sub 1-6)

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SA JOHN A. DANARAN, JR.

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BLACK PANTHER PARTY
HARTFORD CHAPTER
RM - BPP

[REDACTED] (RM 7-8), advised 9/25/68 he had attended a meeting of the BPP in New Haven, Conn., 9/24/68 at 760 Orchard St.

[REDACTED] advised at least 30 people were present at this time, 12 from New Haven, originally from Boston, but here for the purpose of organizing the BPP in Connecticut. These 12 are staying in the four rooms at 760 Orchard St.

The people from Hartford arrived in several cars, and he believed there would be about 22 members.

While the meeting was taking place, one of the two lookouts downstairs came up to say that a car of one of the members was being repossessed by the Sheriff. A number of the members went down to watch and then came back upstairs where they all discussed the possibility of going to the auto dealer and burning down his business. It was decided that this would not be the thing to do.

The meeting then went on to business concerning the breakfast program which was now being held up until it was decided who would be going to Boston for special training. It was decided that five members from Hartford would be sent 9/27/68, and that BRUCE BYLLE and CORNELL WRIGHT would be two of them.

1 - 100-13132 (BPP)
1 - 157-1310 (B. Rylee)
1 - 157-1262 (C. Wright)
1 - 157-dead (W. Weaver)
1 - [REDACTED] (Sub 1-4)
1 - 157- (C. Johnson)
1 - 157- (Verna Lee)
1 - 157-1079 (BPP, Hartford)

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It was announced that the Hartford Chapter of the BPP was not yet recognized by the National Office and would not until the leader for Hartford had been picked from the five going to Boston. Until that day, Hartford would be handled from New Haven, and Hartford would come to New Haven for political education classes.

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[] stated several girls were present at the meeting from Hartford and New Haven, and they were instructed by a girl named VERNA as to their duties as members.

Informant stated he recognized the following individuals:

COHENELL WRIGHT	from Hartford;
BRUCE BYLES	from Hartford;
WILLIAM HEAVEN	from Hartford;
C. JOHNSON	from New Haven;
SISTER LAMUNNA	from Hartford;
CHICO LNU	from Hartford;
VERNA LNU	from New Haven.

Informant advised that outside on the street he understood that about 20 young children were marching up and down in formation shouting some slogans of the BPP. They were being directed by one of the New Haven members.

It was announced that a liberation school was to be attended by CHICO, but the location for the school was not given.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-1079) (P)

DATE: 10/13/69

FROM : SA JOHN A. DANAHER, JR.

SUBJECT: BLACK PANTHER PARTY
HARTFORD CHAPTER
RM - BPP

[REDACTED] (NH T-9), advised 10/6/69 he had attended a meeting of the BPP in New Haven, Conn., on 10/4/69, but the meeting was held at a new address, 35 Sylvan Ave., New Haven. It was announced that this is to be the meeting place from now on.

[REDACTED] stated 22 members were present at this time. The meeting is actually a political education class and also a discussion of current matters for the BPP in Connecticut. The discussions are led by a girl, VERNA LNU, and some other girl from New Haven. The rest of the discussions are run by DOUGLAS MIRANDA.

Informant stated that the leader in Hartford until a permanent leader is picked, is GREGORY GREEN who lives at 291 Bellevue Square.

Informant stated he recognized the following persons at this class and meeting:

GREGORY GREEN
RONALD FREEMAN
DOUGLAS MIRANDA
JUDY LNU
VERNA LNU
WILLIAM WEAVER
ROBERT WHITE

FOIA (b) (7) - (D)

- 1 - 157-1284 (Blackstone Rangers)
- 1 - 100-19186 (BPP)
- ① - 157-1079 (BPP, Hartford)
- 1 - 157-1248 (Gregory Green)
- 1 - 157-1244 (M. Fothergill)
- 1 - 157- (Miranda)
- 1 - 157-dead (W. Weaver)
- 1 - [REDACTED] (Sub 1-5)
- 1 - 157-1156 (William Bailey)
- 1 - 157-new (R. Freeman)
- 1 - 157-new (R. White)
- 1 - 157- (Verna LNU)

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Informant stated that MIRANDA advised the BPP in New Haven had to get two more cars. He did not say if they had been purchased or rented.

MIRANDA did say that the BPP treasury now has \$1,000. He did not say where it came from or to what purpose it was to be put.

Informant stated that the Hartford BPP has a meeting place in a builder's trailer on Martin St., and they have meetings at night as the watchman is a member. His name is ROBERT L. WHITE of 500 Garden St. He appears to hold some type of position for he gives orders and appears to handle collections of money.

Informant stated money was collected the other day in the form of checks from three political figures in Hartford. One came from GEORGE ATHANSON, 99 Pratt St., and one from one of the four persons running for mayor of Hartford. Informant did not know which one gave the money or the name of the third person. He did not know for what purpose the money had been given, but he stated the Hartford BPP had been trying to collect money for its breakfast program. Informant stated the money collected at this time handled by RONALD FREEMAN.

Informant advised that he had heard talk among some of the members that MIKE FOTHERGILL and WILLIAM BAILEY have gone underground but without authorization of the BPP Office. Reason for this they said was due to so many people knowing them. They felt they could work better this way and would be able to sell goods looted during recent disturbances easier and turn the money over to the BPP.

GREEN advised the informant that the Blackstone Rangers and the BPP have formed a coalition and while they do not have joint meetings, they will band together when it is necessary to have strength.

Informant stated MIRANDA advised the only chapter of the BPP recognized by national is New Haven. He stated this will be changed when the leader has been picked for Hartford.

MIRANDA also stated that it is expected that another house can be located so that those in training in New Haven can have a place to stay if it is necessary to remain over night.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: ALL SECURITY AGENTS

DATE: 10/9/69

FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-19186) (P)

SUBJECT: BLACK PANTHER PARTY
RACIAL MATTERS

Re: Bureau airtel to SAC, ALBANY, ET AL, dated 9/22/69.

The Bureau has requested in referenced communication that additional copies of communications regarding the Black Panther Party be forwarded for the Special Interdivisional Unit formed by the Department of Justice, to handle prosecution against the BPP as well as new requests by the Internal Revenue Service.

In view of the above, additional copies of reports and LHMs submitted regarding the BPP is necessary in order to fulfill the Bureau's dissemination requirements. Therefore, effective immediately, all agents should furnish a total of 11 copies of each report and each LHM submitted under the caption of the Black Panther Party. In the event that these communications being submitted contain data of interest to Legal Attaches and other Government Agencies, such as the State Department and CIA, additional extra copies should be submitted for dissemination purposes.

- 1 - 100-19186
- 1 - SAC
- 1 - ASAC
- 1 - Supervisor HAWLEY
- 1 - Supervisor GLOSSA
- 1 - 157-1032 (BPP Bridgeport)
- ① - 157-1079 (BPP Hartford)
- 1 - EACH SECURITY AGENT

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
New Haven, Connecticut

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BLACK PANTHER PARTY

A characterization of the Black Panther
Party appears in the Appendix.

On September 9, 1969, LONNIX MC LUCAS, a Field
Lieutenant for the Black Panther Party of Connecticut, was
interviewed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of
Investigation at his request and furnished the following
information:

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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LONNIE MC LUCAS was interviewed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Brooklyn Jail in Brooklyn, Connecticut. MC LUCAS stated that he had requested the interview by a representative of the FBI through LT. DEDAUPT of the Brooklyn Jail. MC LUCAS was advised of his rights by Special Agent THOMAS F. MC GORRAY and was furnished a Waiver of Rights form which he read and signed. MC LUCAS furnished the following information concerning his activities in the Black Panther Party (BPP) of Connecticut.

MC LUCAS stated that he brought MAUDE FRANCIS and JEANNIE WILSON to Bridgeport, Connecticut, with JOSE GONSALVEZ and GEORGE ROSA early in 1969. The purpose of this trip was a "scouting expedition" to see what was going on in the Bridgeport area. MC LUCAS advised that they started this trip in Jersey City, New Jersey, and traveled to New York City where they spent 4 days in an apartment on Lexington Avenue in Manhattan. This apartment belonged to a friend of JOSE GONSALVEZ. MC LUCAS stated that GONSALVEZ and ROSA worked for the Harlem Action Committee. He stated they arrived in Bridgeport in early January and immediately planned a trip to the West Coast. He stated they departed for California in late January and were arrested in Ohio. After release they continued their trip but GEORGE ROSA left them somewhere in Wyoming and returned to the East Coast. MC LUCAS stated that they stayed with JOHN SEALE, the brother of BOBBY SEALE, both members of the BPP in Berkeley, California. MC LUCAS stated they eventually flew back to New York City where they picked up MAUDE FRANCIS and JEANNIE WILSON and returned to Bridgeport, Connecticut. GEORGE ROSA, in the meantime, had established a group for boys on East Main Street in Bridgeport, Connecticut. MC LUCAS stated that JEANNIE WILSON and MAUDE FRANCIS came to Bridgeport, Connecticut, by bus, having bought their own tickets in order to help

On 9/7/69 at Brooklyn, Connecticut File # NH 157-1043

by SA THOMAS F. MC GORRAY and
SA LEWIS W. HYDEN II TFM/phb Date dictated 9/8/69

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them establish a Black Panther Party Chapter in Bridgeport, Connecticut.

MC LUCAS stated on May 22, 1969, when the New Haven Police Department vamped on the Black Panther Headquarters on 365 Orchard Street, he was in Hartford. He stated that he was teaching a political education class in Hartford and that when he approached Panther Headquarters he saw several policemen standing guard. He immediately went to the home of GEORGE EDWARDS who resides at 9 Hazel Street, where he talked to EDWARDS' wife. He stated that EDWARDS' wife knew nothing concerning what had happened. MC LUCAS stated that he then went to the New Haven Police Department but that they would not let him in, and so he returned to Hartford, Connecticut, driving WARREN KIMBRO'S Mustang. MC LUCAS stated that he stayed in the house of BUTCH LEWIS for about one day and part of a night and that during his stay there he heard that he was wanted in connection with the murder of ALEX RACKLEY. MC LUCAS advised he immediately traveled to Springfield, Massachusetts, using KIMBRO'S Mustang, and got on a bus for Baltimore, Maryland. He stayed in Baltimore at the YMCA for a few days and then returned to his sister's house in New Jersey. His sister is BARBARA THOMPSON, 838 Grand Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey. He remained approximately a week and one half with his sister. At this time he met JIMMY YORK, an ex-Panther, who had recently been declared a "renegade". MC LUCAS stated that YORK agreed to go with him to California in order to straighten out their problems with the national organization of the BPP. MC LUCAS stated that JIMMY YORK possessed a .38 caliber Smith and Wesson revolver which he kept loaded in the glove compartment. MC LUCAS advised that this gun was kept in the glove compartment from the time of their departure from New Jersey until they were arrested in Salt Lake City. MC LUCAS stated that just before arriving in Salt Lake they picked up an unidentified Negro male hitchhiker who was on his way to San Francisco.

MC LUCAS advised concerning the Hartford Chapter of the BPP that BUTCH LEWIS is no longer in command. He stated that DON MOUNDS has been active and was in New Haven

during the period of RACKLEY'S trial and murder. MC LUCAS advised that he does not know if [] stood guard duty over RACKLEY, but stated that since he was at Panther Headquarters in New Haven he must have known about ALEX RACKLEY.

MC LUCAS advised that on May 19, 1969, after BOBBY SEALE spoke at Yale University, all of the Panthers returned to Headquarters. They received a call concerning the kidnapping of the TONEY girl and MC LUCAS went with BUTCH LEWIS to search for the missing girl. MC LUCAS does not know if BOBBY SEALE and JOHN HILLIARD returned to BPP Headquarters after the speech.

Concerning the murder of ALEX RACKLEY, MC LUCAS advised that the orders came down to him from LANDON WILLIAMS who ordered GEORGE SAMS to handle the matter. MC LUCAS stated that possibly the murder was planned with WARREN KIMBRO earlier because KIMBRO led the group from BPP Headquarters on the night of the murder.

MC LUCAS advised that Chairman BROTHERS from the Black Panther Party, New York, had come under suspicion since he was not arrested with the New York 21, and for this reason BROTHERS attempted to place blame on ALEX RACKLEY. BROTHERS did not allow RACKLEY to see him while he was in New Haven.

MC LUCAS stated that on the night of the arrest of the New Haven Panthers while he was in Hartford, Connecticut, he was chased on foot as well as in his car by a single unidentified Negro male who carried a shotgun and who drove a 1957 white Chrysler, bearing Connecticut plates. MC LUCAS stated that he was chased for approximately 2½ hours from 9:30 to midnight throughout the City of Hartford. He stated that he believed this individual had reason to kill him but he does not know if he was a Panther. He described the unidentified Negro male as a young teenager, 5'8", medium build, short hair, sunglasses, and a white jacket. MC LUCAS stated that he believes that he could identify this individual if he saw him again.

At the conclusion of the interview, MC LUCAS proposed a plan which he said could destroy the BPP. He stated that if the FBI could rent an apartment and arrange a thirty minute press conference, he and GEORGE SAMS, another BPP member, could give enough information to the press to completely destroy the BPP. After this press conference, MC LUCAS stated that he and SAMS would remain at the apartment and with the FBI providing "security" they would wait for recrimination against them by the BPP.

In exchange for this cooperation, MC LUCAS stated that if he lived through his proposed activity he would expect that the Federal Government could arrange a pardon in connection with the various charges against him by the State of Connecticut in connection with the murder of ALEX RACKLEY.

MC LUCAS was advised by both interviewing Agents that even if his proposal was acceptable that no arrangement could be made because he is in custody on a local murder charge and not on Federal charges. MC LUCAS was further advised that the interviewing Agents, even if he was facing Federal charges, were not in a position to make any arrangement.

MC LUCAS stated that he understood the position of the Federal Government and the interviewing Agents and then realized that the Federal Government's "hands were tied." He stated that he felt that his plan was the only way that the BPP could be totally disrupted and he furnished no further information concerning this matter.

BLACK PANTHER PARTY, aka
Black Panther Party for
Self-Defense

According to its official newspaper, the Black Panther Party (BPP) was started during December, 1966, in Oakland, California, to organize black people so they can take control of the life, politics and the destiny of the black community. It was organized by BOBBY GEORGE SEALE, BPP Chairman, and HUEY P. NEWTON, BPP Minister of Defense. NEWTON is presently serving a sentence of two to fifteen years on a conviction of manslaughter in connection with the killing of an Oakland police officer.

The official newspaper, "The Black Panther," which further describes itself as the "Black Community News Service," stated that the BPP advocates the use of guns and guerrilla tactics in its revolutionary program to end oppression of the black people. Residents of the black community are urged to arm themselves against the police who are consistently referred to in the publication as "pigs" who should be killed.

"The Black Panther" issue of September 7, 1968, contains an editorial by BPP Minister of Education GEORGE MASON MURRAY which ends with the following:

"Black Men. Black people, colored persons of America, revolt everywhere! Arm yourselves. The only culture worth keeping is revolutionary culture. Change. Freedom everywhere. Dynamite! Black Power. Use the gun. Kill the pigs everywhere!"

Included in the introduction to an article appearing in the October 5, 1968, edition of "The Black Panther" is the statement, "...we will not dissent from American Government. We will overthrow it."

Issues of the "Black Panther" regularly contain quotations from the writings of Chairman MAO Tse-tung of the People's Republic of China and feature MAO's statement that "political power grows out of the barrel of a gun."

The national headquarters of the BPP is located at 3106 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley, California. Branches have been established at various locations throughout the United States.

BLACK PANTHER PARTY - CONNECTICUT

On May 19, 1969, BOBBY GEORGE SEALE, National Black Panther Party Chairman, spoke at Battell Chapel, Elm and College Streets, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut. SEALE spoke in part as follows:

"...The struggle we are involved in is not a racial struggle, but a class struggle. We have to define the revolution that's occurring in this country as a people struggle...We've got to teach these kids to use guns so that when the racist pig comes down into our community and brutalizes our people, we are gonna kill...If we catch a pig brutalizing our people in the black community, we are gonna kill him - we are gonna stop him..."

On April 20, 1969, a second source advised that the Communist Party of Connecticut held a State Convention at the Peoples Center, 37 Howe Street, New Haven, Connecticut, on that date. During this convention, it was announced that there was going to be a memorial service in New Haven on that date for three Black Panthers who were slain a year ago; and all members of the Communist Party were invited to attend this memorial.

The Black Panther Party presently has chapters in Bridgeport, New Haven, Hartford, and Middletown, Connecticut. Their leadership is presently confused since eight members of the Black Panther Party were arrested by the New Haven Police Department for the murder of ALEX RACKLEY, alleged Black Panther Party member from New York City, whose body was found in Middlefield, Connecticut, on May 21, 1969.

The National Organization of the Black Panther Party is characterized separately.

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A P P E N D I X

BLACK PANTHER PARTY - CONNECTICUT
also known as Black Panther Party
for Self-Defense

On January 29, 1969, the "Bridgeport Telegram," a daily newspaper published at Bridgeport, Connecticut, contained in part the following:

"On January 28 (1969) the Black Panther Party was formed in Bridgeport, JOSE RENE GONZALVEZ announced last night at a meeting at party headquarters, 510 East Main Street. Mr. GONZALVEZ, a Cuban-born, Oakland-trained black defense captain, spoke to twenty Negro youths in his mission here to organize a chapter of the political party..."

On March 18, 1969, the following Black Panther literature, published locally, was distributed in the Bridgeport, Connecticut, area. It read in part as follows:

"The BPP is a party that will produce for the people and its members will do anything and everything possible to meet the demands of the poor oppressed black people. We are not a hoodlum gang, nor did we come here to kill whitepeople or the police. We came here to stop racist actions that the oppressors (black and white) have been taking upon our people. We are the vanguard party and we intend to provide leadership for the people and revolutionary groups across the country..."

A source advised as of April 14, 1969, the New Haven Chapter of the Black Panther Party was operating under the authority of the National Organization. JOSE RENE GONZALVEZ had been given the authority to open this chapter in New Haven and to organize throughout the State of Connecticut.

GONZALVEZ departed Connecticut in early May, 1969, and attempted to organize the Black Panther Party in Greensboro, North Carolina, for which he was suspended. State leadership in Connecticut was taken over by WARREN KIMBRO, a member and leader of the New Haven Chapter of the Black Panther Party, and ERICKA HUGGINS, political educational instructor.

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FROM SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-19186) P
SUBJECT BLACK PANTHER PARTY
 RACIAL MATTER - BPP

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eleven copies
 and for receiving offices appropriate copies of a self-
 explanatory letterhead memorandum,

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For the information of all offices, LONNIE MC LUCAS, a known member and leader of the BPP in New Haven, Connecticut, is presently incarcerated in Brooklyn, Connecticut. MC LUCAS has been indicted for first degree murder. He fled the State of Connecticut and via Hartford traveled to Springfield, Massachusetts, Baltimore, Maryland, Jersey City, New Jersey, New York City and was eventually arrested by Federal authorities in Salt Lake City.

On 9/9/69, MC LUCAS furnished information concerning JIMMY YORK, a renegade Panther from New Jersey, who was arrested with him in Salt Lake City. According to MC LUCAS' statement, YORK transported a .38 caliber Smith and Wesson pistol concealed in the glove compartment of his car from Jersey City, New Jersey, to Salt Lake City.

Information copies of the enclosed letterhead memorandum are being furnished Salt Lake City in view of the fact that a possible gun violation may have occurred within their jurisdiction. Salt Lake City is requested to review the enclosed information and, if appropriate, present to the United States Attorney concerning JIMMY YORK.

BALTIMORE:

At Baltimore, Maryland

Will attempt to verify that LONNIE MC LUCAS stayed in the downtown Y.M.C.A. in Baltimore on or about 5/23-24/69.

Baltimore is requested to designate copies of their investigation to New Haven file 157-1043 (LONNIE MC LUCAS).

NEWARK:

At Jersey City, New Jersey

Will verify the existence and residence of MC LUCAS' sister, BARBARA THOMPSON, 838 Grand Avenue.

Newark is requested to designate copies of their investigation to New Haven file 157-1043 (LONNIE MC LUCAS).

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NEW HAVEN:

At Hartford, Connecticut

FOIA(b) (7) - (C)

At New Haven, Connecticut.

Will continue to cover the activities of the
Black Panther Party.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-1079)

DATE: 10/21/69

FROM : SA JOHN A. DANAHER, JR.

SUBJECT: BLACK PANTHER PARTY-
HARTFORD CHAPTER
RM - BPP

[REDACTED] (NH T-9), advised 10/9/69 he had attended a meeting of the Black Panther Party in New Haven Conn., on 10/8/69. He stated the meeting was held at 35 Sylvan St., and that nine people were in attendance.

Informant stated he recognized the following at that time:

Verna LNU
Robert L. White
William Weaver
Gregory Green
Chico LNU
Emily LNU
Annie LNU

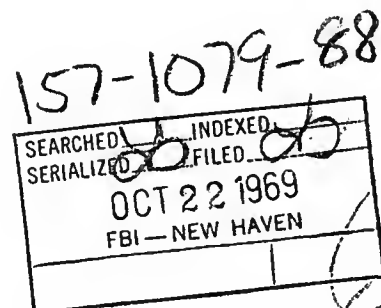
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Informant stated this was a Political Education class and the topic discussed came from the Panther newspaper, and dealt with the 10 points of the BPP and also Chauvinism.

Informant advised the regular meeting place for the Hartford Chapter is in a construction trailer located on the West side of Martin St., just North of Capen. The night watchman is a member of the BPP.

cc: 157-1079 Htfd BPP
100-19186 BPP Conn
[REDACTED]-Sub 1-8
157-1458 Robert White
157-dead W. Weaver
157- Verna LNU
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW HAVEN

DATE: 10/30/69

FROM : SA JOHN A. DANAHER, JR. (157-1079) (P)

SUBJECT: BLACK PANTHER PARTY -
HARTFORD CHAPTER
RM - BPP

FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

[REDACTED] (NH T-9), advised on 10/13/69 that on 10/11/69 three members of the BPP in Hartford were arrested by the Hartford Police for B of P, resisting arrest, and interference with police. The three arrested were ROBERT L. WHITE, LINDA HOLDER, and DOLORES BURNEY.

It was necessary to obtain bond money from the New Haven BPP for the release of the three arrested. The person in Hartford who handled the matter was "CHICO" BASILLIO, who is treasurer. He stated the Hartford BPP has \$291 in the bank at this time.

Informant said the BPP of Conn. plans a show of strength with the assistance of the SDS from Yale at the time BOBBY SEALE is brought back to Conn. He said this was announced at the Political Education class on the morning of 10/11/69.

Informant said a girl named BETH BRAGG is assigned to the office in New Haven, but she is pregnant and is currently at the Boston office, but is expected back in New Haven soon.

A new man whom informant has not seen before, named JACOB (LNU) is now in New Haven and appears to carry some weight, from the way he talks.

1 100-19186 BPP, Conn.

1 [REDACTED]-Sub 1-9

1 157-dead WILLIAM WEAVER

1 157-1458 ROBERT WHITE

1 157-1468 LINDA HOLDER

1 157-new DOLORES BURNEY

1 157-new CHICO BASILLIO

1 157-1377 BETH BRAGG

1 100-18618 SDS, Yale

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TO: SAC, NEW HAVEN DATE: 10/30/69

FROM: SA JOHN A. DANAHER, JR. (157-1079)

SUBJECT: BPP - HARTFORD CHAPTER
RM - BPP

[redacted] (NH T-9), advised on 10/20/69 he had attended a political education class in New Haven at BPP hqtrs., 35 Sylvan St. He said there were 9 people present and he recognized the following:

WILLIAM WEAVER	"CAPPY"(LNU), New Haven
CHICO BASILLIO	GWEN RHODES
GREGORY GREEN	POSENDRA WILLIAMS
GEORGE (LNU), Hartford	JAMES (LNU), New Haven

DAVID QUICK and BETH BRAGG ran the class. It was announced that the regular instructor, VERA HAMPTON, was in Boston on business for a short while.

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Informant said that before the end of the class it was stated that 1000 BPP newspapers had arrived but none would be sent to Hartford for they would be needed in the New Haven area. It was said they had arrived by bus from New York.

Informant said that after returning to Hartford, CHICO said he had to return the \$50 borrowed from New Haven BPP to obtain the release of the 3 persons arrested in Hartford 10/11/69. Informant said GREGORY GREEN, WILLIAM WEAVER, and CHICO returned the money.

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100-19186 BPP Conn.	157-1311 MELVIN BRASWELL
[redacted] Sub 1-10	157-1356 ROSCOE LEE
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157- CHICO BASILLIO	157-1284 BLACKSTONE RANGERS
157- CAPPY (LNU)	JAD:md
157- GWEN RHODES	(18)
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157- SAM NAPIER	

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Informant said that after the 3 had returned to Hartford, he learned that they were again recalled to New Haven, but this time they had ROBERT WHITE with them. The purpose of the return trip was the questioning of GREGORY GREEN by QUICK and CAPPY, who accused him of being liberal.

Informant said that at this time, early Sunday morning, he was told that there were 3 men on guard duty outside the headquarters, all armed. One was ROSCOE LEE and the other was CAPPY. ROSCOE and CAPPY had pump shotguns. He did not get the name of the third man or type of weapon he carried.

Informant advised that a week ago he saw a man he identified from pictures as SAM NAPIER. He said NAPIER wore glasses off and on during the day. He also recognized a girl named ELISE BROWN at the headquarters.

Informant advised that the Blackstone Rangers said they are pulling a lot of the B and E's in the North End of Hartford, and have been involved in beating up old folks, stealing the purses of women, and beating up whites who happen to walk into the area. One of them, [REDACTED], has a gun. [REDACTED] has suggested that if he or any of the others of draft age get a notice to report, that they should steal a car and get caught, hoping for a light sentence, but this being a felony, it would keep them out of the army.

Informant also stated that the BPP in Hartford has a bank account and it is being controlled by CHICO BASILLIO.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-1079)

DATE: 11/4/69

FROM : SA JOHN A. DANAHER, JR.

SUBJECT: BLACK PANTHER PARTY
HARTFORD CHAPTER
RM

FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

[REDACTED] NH T-9, advised 10/8/69, he had been able to obtain the following list of members of the BPP in Hartford from the person of ROBERT L. WHITE without being observed:

RONALD FORBES, 2369 Main Street, 525-3232;
ANNIE LOCKHART, 68 Bellevue Square, 522-8836;
GWENDOLYN RHODES, 20 Pembroke Street,
278-5094;
ROSENDRA WILLIAMS, 32 Martin Street, 525-8587;
SANDRA WILLIAMS, 132 Hampton Street, 522-4472;
ANDREA SHEPARD, 80 Boothbay Street, 343-1394;
DIANE JAMES, 474 Cornwall Street, 242-7945;
EMILY WHITE, 73 Suffield Street, 522-7493;
BORIS LEDBETTER, Bellevue Square, 522-2914;
RONALD FREEMAN, 22 Warren Street, 522-1508;
CLAUDE ARTIST, 64 Elmer Street, 247-5278;
VICTOR BASSILIO, aka Chico, 198 Homestead
Avenue, 522-2528;
JAMES ELLISON, 11 Bellevue Square, 525-6145;
DOLORES BURNEY, 53 Norfolk Street, 522-3694;
ELOISE PIERCE, 62 Elmer Street, 347-5278;
LINDA HOLDER or HOLDEN, 132 Hampton Street,
278-6709;
JAMES MC KEITHAN, 24 Eastford Street, 247-2694;
VERD or VERN ELLIOT, 679 Garden Street, 522-0487 or
3487;
GREGORY GREEN, 500 Garden Street, 522-0547;
ROBERT L. WHITE, 500 Garden Street;
CORNELL WRIGHT;
BRUCE RYLES, 105 Kensington Street.

7-New Haven (1-157-1079) (BPP-Htfd.)
(100-19186) (BPP)
(1-157-) (Membership BPP)
(1- [REDACTED] -Sub 7)

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TITLE OF CASE BLACK PANTHER PARTY		REPORT MADE BY SA THOMAS F. MC GORRAY	TYPED BY jfp
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REFERENCES: New Haven evidentiary report of SA THOMAS F. MC GORRAY dated 9/30/69;
New Haven quarterly report of SA THOMAS F. MC GORRAY dated 9/30/69;
New Haven report of SA THOMAS F. MC GORRAY dated 10/8/69.

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This report is classified confidential in order to protect informants of continuing value, the unauthorized disclosure of which could reasonably result in their identification and effect their future effectiveness.

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Copies of this report have been disseminated locally to Secret Service, 108th Military Intelligence, U. S. Attorney all of New Haven and ATFD, Hartford, Conn., in view of their interest in this matter.

Information copies of this report have been sent to offices as designated inasmuch as they are either involved in conducting active investigation or have a common interest with the New Haven Office in this case.

An effort has been made in this report to keep lengthy quotes from BPP members and leaders to a minimum; however, quotes were used in the judgment of the New Haven Office where they tend to reflect pertinent BPP philosophies which has evidentiary value.

It is noted that referenced report dated October 8, 1969, reflects a lengthy interview and signed statement from WILLIAM HARRINGTON, who is presently awaiting sentencing in the State of Connecticut, for conspiracy to rob a bank. In view of the length and the many leads set forth in referenced report, this statement is not included as part of this evidentiary report in the interest of brevity.

NH T-3, NH T9, and NH T12 are informants who have been assigned permanent "T" symbols in all communications under the BPP caption.

INFORMANTS

	Location
NH T-3 is [redacted], [redacted] New Haven PD	100-19186-Sub E, 13, 1583
NH T-9 is [redacted]	[redacted] FOIA(b)(7) - (D)
NH T-12 is [redacted] (SF T-22)	100-19186 -1582

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LEADS:

BOSTON, SAN FRANCISCO, CHICAGO, LOS ANGELES,
NEW YORK AND BALTIMORE

All offices are requested to continue to advise New Haven concerning travel of BPP leadership and membership to New Haven to assist in a "show of force" concerning upcoming trials of Chairman BOBBY SEALE and the "Connecticut 15."

BOSTON:

At Boston, Mass.

Will continue to follow activities of BPP concerning transportation of weapons from New Haven to Boston as mentioned herein.

Will continue to follow travel of BPP leadership and membership and advise New Haven.

NEW HAVEN:

Will continue to follow the activities of the BPP.

Will (SA JOHN A. DANAHER) maintain contact with BPP source [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] and re-verify if source is available to testify and willing to be interviewed by departmental attorneys under secure conditions.

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AND INSURRECTION.

Synopsis:

BPP programs and policies as expressed by CHARLES "BUTCH" LEWIS, TED SPURLOCH, DONALD COX, set forth. Information concerning BPP weapons reportedly taken from New Haven to Boston. Details concerning BPP "teach-in" on 9/25/69, set forth, as well as documents and flyers concerning party activities in New Haven. BPP breakfast program communications included as well as travel of DAVID HILLIARD and DONALD COX to New Haven. Info concerning BPP members from New York and Boston presently active in New Haven set forth.

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DETAILS:

I. REVOLUTIONARY PROGRAM AND POLICIES AS
EXPRESSED BY BLACK PANTHER PARTY (BPP)

A characterization of the Black Panther
Party appears in the Appendix Section.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 8/15/69

DONALD COX was observed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on August 6, 1969 at a "Hiroshima Day" demonstration and rally. He was introduced by a white male as DONALD COX, Field Marshal of the Black Panther Party.

COX began his remarks by stating, "All power to the people." He continued by stating that the black people should strive for national liberty and that they should take part in the black liberation struggle. He said that the objective of the black revolution today is to put power into the hands of the blacks. "We want power!" he stated.

COX addressed himself to the stated ten point platform of the Black Panther Party, and stated that those demands must be met.

COX stated that the Black Panthers who had been arrested in New Haven were the vanguard of the Black Panther Party and that they were now in jail. The arrests, COX claimed, were a conspiracy by the fascists of New Haven, Connecticut. He stated that the black people must be educated and fascism must be fought in America. To provide a united front against fascism, the Black Panther Party has organized a national committee.

To combat fascism and oppression, COX stated, "There are some people out there who need killing. There are some niggers that need killing, there are some Jews that need killing, and there are some white people who need killing because they oppress the people."

COX stated that he had talked with a messenger from ELDRIDGE CLEAVER the previous night in New York, New York and that this messenger had delivered a message to Sister ERICKA HUGGINS, that if the pigs did not set her free immediately, then there were going to be political consequences.

The following is a transcription of a tape of an interview of COX by newsman DIK ERTMAN, WEHI, New Haven, Connecticut, which was conducted immediately following COX's speech:

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SA ALLAN KING SA LEWIS HYDEN/lec Date dictated 8/8/69

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Q. "Mr. COX what is your position with the Black Panthers?

A. Field Marshal.

Q. And what did you hope to gain or accomplish by appearing here at the rally?

A. Uh, fulfilling a commitment to uh speak to the people here in New Haven; also to deliver a message from ELDRIDGE and to let the people know that we are going to put the party back together. It's been damaged by these pigs here in New Haven, and he wanted these pigs to know in New Haven that if they don't let ERICKA HUGGINS and the brothers and sisters in jail, uh, uh, loose, then there is going to have to be a political consequence, and he'll be back."

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date September 9, 1969

LONNIE MC LUCAS was interviewed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Brooklyn Jail in Brooklyn, Connecticut. MC LUCAS stated that he had requested the interview by a representative of the FBI through LT. DEDAULT of the Brooklyn Jail. MC LUCAS was advised of his rights by Special Agent THOMAS F. MC GORRAY and was furnished a Waiver of Rights form which he read and signed. MC LUCAS furnished the following information concerning his activities in the Black Panther Party (BPP) of Connecticut.

MC LUCAS stated that he brought MAUDE FRANCIS and JEANNIE WILSON to Bridgeport, Connecticut, with JOSE GONSALVEZ and GEORGE ROSA early in 1969. The purpose of this trip was a "scouting expedition" to see what was going on in the Bridgeport area. MC LUCAS advised that they started this trip in Jersey City, New Jersey, and traveled to New York City where they spent 4 days in an apartment on Lexington Avenue in Manhattan. This apartment belonged to a friend of JOSE GONSALVEZ. MC LUCAS stated that GONSALVEZ and ROSA worked for the Harlem Action Committee. He stated they arrived in Bridgeport in early January and immediately planned a trip to the West Coast. He stated they departed for California in late January and were arrested in Ohio. After release they continued their trip but GEORGE ROSA left them somewhere in Wyoming and returned to the East Coast. MC LUCAS stated that they stayed with JOHN SEALE, the brother of BOBBY SEALE, both members of the BPP in Berkeley, California. MC LUCAS stated they eventually flew back to New York City where they picked up MAUDE FRANCIS and JEANNIE WILSON and returned to Bridgeport, Connecticut. GEORGE ROSA, in the meantime, had established a group for boys on East Main Street in Bridgeport, Connecticut. MC LUCAS stated that JEANNIE WILSON and MAUDE FRANCIS came to Bridgeport, Connecticut, by bus, having bought their own tickets in order to help

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them establish a Black Panther Party Chapter in Bridgeport, Connecticut.

MC LUCAS stated on May 22, 1969, when the New Haven Police Department ramped on the Black Panther Headquarters on 555 Orchard Street, he was in Hartford. He stated that he was teaching a political education class in Hartford and that when he approached Panther Headquarters he saw several policemen standing guard. He immediately went to the home of GEORGE EDWARDS who resides at 9 Hazel Street, where he talked to EDWARDS' wife. He stated that EDWARDS' wife knew nothing concerning what had happened. MC LUCAS stated that he then went to the New Haven Police Department but that they would not let him in, and so he returned to Hartford, Connecticut, driving WARREN KIMBRO'S Mustang. MC LUCAS stated that he stayed in the house of BUTCH LEWIS for about one day and part of a night and that during his stay there he heard that he was wanted in connection with the murder of ALEX RACKLEY. MC LUCAS advised he immediately traveled to Springfield, Massachusetts, using KIMBRO'S Mustang, and got on a bus for Baltimore, Maryland. He stayed in Baltimore at the YMCA for a few days and then returned to his sister's house in New Jersey. His sister is BARBARA THOMPSON, 828 Grand Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey. He remained approximately a week and one half with his sister. At this time he met JIMMY YORK, an ex-Panther, who had recently been declared a "renegade". MC LUCAS stated that YORK agreed to go with him to California in order to straighten out their problems with the national organization of the BPP. MC LUCAS stated that JIMMY YORK possessed a .38 caliber Smith and Wesson revolver which he kept loaded in the glove compartment. MC LUCAS advised that this gun was kept in the glove compartment from the time of their departure from New Jersey until they were arrested in Salt Lake City. MC LUCAS stated that just before arriving in Salt Lake they picked up an unidentified Negro male hitchhiker who was on his way to San Francisco.

MC LUCAS advised concerning the Hartford Chapter of the BPP that BUTCH LEWIS is no longer in command. He stated that DON MOUNDS has been active and was in New Haven

during the period of RACKLEY'S trial and murder. MC LUCAS advised that he does not know if DON MOUNDS stood guard duty over RACKLEY, but stated that since he was at Panther Headquarters in New Haven he must have known about ALEX RACKLEY.

MC LUCAS advised that on May 19, 1969, after BOBBY SEALE spoke at Yale University, all of the Panthers returned to Headquarters. They received a call concerning the kidnapping of the TONEY girl and MC LUCAS went with BUTCH LEWIS to search for the missing girl. MC LUCAS does not know if BOBBY SEALE and JOHN HILLIARD returned to BPP Headquarters after the speech.

Concerning the murder of ALEX RACKLEY, MC LUCAS advised that the orders came down to him from LANDON WILLIAMS who ordered GEORGE SAMS to handle the matter. MC LUCAS stated that possibly the murder was planned with WARREN KIMBRO earlier because KIMBRO led the group from BPP Headquarters on the night of the murder.

MC LUCAS advised that Chairman BROTHERS from the Black Panther Party, New York, had come under suspicion since he was not arrested with the New York 21, and for this reason BROTHERS attempted to place blame on ALEX RACKLEY. BROTHERS did not allow RACKLEY to see him while he was in New Haven.

MC LUCAS stated that on the night of the arrest of the New Haven Panthers while he was in Hartford, Connecticut, he was chased on foot as well as in his car by a single unidentified Negro male who carried a shotgun and who drove a 1957 white Chrysler, bearing Connecticut plates. MC LUCAS stated that he was chased for approximately 2½ hours from 9:30 to midnight throughout the City of Hartford. He stated that he believed this individual had reason to kill him but he does not know if he was a Panther. He described the unidentified Negro male as a young teenager, 5'8", medium build, short hair, sunglasses, and a white jacket. MC LUCAS stated that he believes that he could identify this individual if he saw him again.

At the conclusion of the interview, MC LUCAS proposed a plan which he said could destroy the BPP. He stated that if the FBI could rent an apartment and arrange a thirty minute press conference, he and GEORGE SAMS, another BPP member, could give enough information to the press to completely destroy the BPP. After this press conference, MC LUCAS stated that he and SAMS would remain at the apartment and with the FBI providing "security" they would wait for recrimination against them by the BPP.

In exchange for this cooperation, MC LUCAS stated that if he lived through his proposed activity he would expect that the Federal Government could arrange a pardon in connection with the various charges against him by the State of Connecticut in connection with the murder of ALEX RACKLEY.

MC LUCAS was advised by both interviewing Agents that even if his proposal was acceptable that no arrangement could be made because he is in custody on a local murder charge and not on Federal charges. MC LUCAS was further advised that the interviewing Agents, even if he was facing Federal charges, were not in a position to make any arrangement.

MC LUCAS stated that he understood the position of the Federal Government and the interviewing Agents and then realized that the Federal Government's "hands were tied." He stated that he felt that his plan was the only way that the BPP could be totally disrupted and he furnished no further information concerning this matter.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 16, 1969

CHARLES EDWARD LEWIS, also known as Butch, was interviewed and advised he is not now a member of the Black Panther Party (BPP) in Connecticut. He advised that he has been given a reinstatement, but has not yet decided if he should accept it. LEWIS advised the suspension was for 90 days and that it came from his liberal views of the BPP and his willingness to state that there were shortcomings.

LEWIS advised he used to say that there is a great difference between the East and West and the policy for each coast must be flexible. He stated officers are expected to spend all of their time on party business and not work in industry. It was impossible to do this in the East for a person must work to support himself in winter, while the West Coast the weather made it possible to live without problems.

LEWIS advised he first became interested in the BPP after he had received a discharged from the serve and met BPP members on the street in California. He favors a Socialist form of government and also some of the MAO Tse-tung for these are governments that will benefit the blacks.

LEWIS stated he had attended a speech by BOBBY SEALE, whom he knew as a founder of the BPP in New Haven, Connecticut, the evening of May 19, 1969. He stated that after the speech, he had met SEALE backstage. LEWIS stated this was his only meeting with SEALE.

LEWIS advised the next day or so after meeting SEALE, he had heard of the death of a man named RACKLEY, whom he heard was a supposed member of the BPP. LEWIS stated he had never met RACKLEY and had no information concerning the murder of RACKLEY. LEWIS stated he had met a man named LONNIE MC LUCAS whom he knew was from New Haven BPP, and MC LUCAS had stayed at his apartment in Hartford for a day or so after the death of RACKLEY. LEWIS did not know where MC LUCAS went after leaving Hartford.

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LEWIS stated he had no information as to the current status of the BPP in Hartford at this time, and he did not know if he intended to rejoin if it still existed.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 10, 1969

THEODORE CAREY SPURLOCK, JR., 29 Dickerman Street, New Haven, Connecticut, was interviewed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Prior to this interview SPURLOCK was advised that the topic of the interview would be his activities in the Black Panther Party (BPP). He was advised by SA LEWIS W. HYDEN, II that the interview was strictly voluntary and he did not have to answer any questions and could terminate the interview at any time he chose.

SPURLOCK advised that he became a member of the BPP in mid-April, 1969, when he was recruited into the BPP by WARREN KIMBRO, who was at that time a Lieutenant of Finances in the New Haven Chapter of the BPP. SPURLOCK also stated that KIMBRO is his brother-in-law and the personal friendship that he had for KIMBRO influenced his decision to join the BPP.

SPURLOCK stated that following his recruitment into the BPP, he underwent eight weeks of BPP indoctrination. This indoctrination included four weeks of political education by ERICKA HUGGINS, who was at that time the political education instructor for the New Haven BPP. The political training included memorizing quotations of MAO Tse-tung and reading and discussing BPP philosophy set forth in various publications published by the BPP. Two weeks of military education was conducted by WARREN KIMBRO, who instructed him in the maintenance of a 12 gauge shotgun and a .22 rifle. Military classes were also conducted by DON MOUNDS, a member of the Hartford BPP. During these military classes, SPURLOCK stated, he was never given any instruction in the manufacture or use of explosive or incendiary devices. The last two weeks of the indoctrination was devoted to group discussions and becoming personally acquainted with the other members of the BPP.

Concerning the murder of ALEX RACKLEY, an alleged BPP member of a New York, New York BPP, SPURLOCK advised that he had seen RACKLEY on May 17, 1969, but did not know who he was until after the body was found and identified. ~~At the time SPURLOCK observed RACKLEY, he was free, not under~~

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BPP house arrest and was free to come and go as he pleased. SPURLOCK said that he did not see RACKLEY again.

Around May 19, 1969, when BOBBY GEORGE SEALE, Chairman of the BPP, was in New Haven, Connecticut, there were a large number of BPP members in town from New York and the West Coast. He was not introduced to any of these individuals and could not identify them by name. Concerning LEE ROPER, a New York Black Panther who is wanted on charges of conspiracy to commit murder and arson in New York, SPURLOCK stated that he did not observe anyone in New Haven who fitted the description of ROPER during the time SEALE was in New Haven.

After the arrest of KIMBRO and other BPP members in connection with the murder of ALEX RACKLEY, there was no leadership in the New Haven Chapter of the BPP. SPURLOCK took it upon himself to attempt to carry on the activities of the BPP in New Haven, Connecticut. He stated that he organized "a couple" of rallies in support of the Panthers arrested on charges of murder and started a recruitment campaign to rebuild the New Haven Chapter of the BPP. He was contacted during late May, 1969, by DONALD LEE COX, BPP Field Marshal for the East Coast, and told to continue as leader of the New Haven Chapter. SPURLOCK placed a call to BPP National and talked with DAVID HILLIARD, BPP Chief of Staff, who also told him to continue his efforts to rebuild the Chapter in New Haven. He held the title of Acting State Captain of the Connecticut BPP.

During this time, SPURLOCK recruited the following individuals into the BPP:

ROGER SEYMOUR GORLEY
ABRAHAM FLYNN
FRED MC CALL
RONNIE HORNER
RONNIE HARTLEY

In line with a BPP National directive that individuals who were not aligned with BPP philosophy or who were considered to be police informants were to be purged from the party, SPURLOCK purged the following individuals:

FRED MC CALL, for liberalism

ROGER GORLEY and ABRAHAM FLYNN, who were not trusted by KIMBRO and who were ordered to be purged by KIMBRO.

RONNIE HORNER, RONNEY HARTLEY and ANTONIO SANTOS, because they were too young and immature to be of use to the BPP.

Other individuals who have supported the BPP in one way or another, but who are not now connected with the BPP are STANLEY WILSON, BARBARA HOLLOWAY, BERNADETTE STRODE, SAM BAILEY, MIKE COOK and RICHARD BLACKMAN.

Concerning other individuals who SPURLOCK knows as current members of the BPP, he advised that SANDRA TAYLOR, a Negro female, age 24, 5'5" to 5'6", medium build, short Afro-hair style, allows the BPP to use her apartment at 760 Orchard Street, New Haven, Connecticut, as a temporary headquarters and as an abode for several other Panthers.

SAM DAVIS, who is a student at Hillhouse High School, furnishes his 1962 white Rambler for the use of the BPP. His brother, MICHAEL DAVIS, is also currently an active member of the BPP. MICHAEL GREEN, who is a good friend of MICHAEL DAVIS, is also a dedicated member of the BPP.

SPURLOCK stated that he held the rank of Acting State Captain for Connecticut until early August when he was demoted to Field Lieutenant by DOUGLAS MIRANDA, BPP Captain from Boston, Massachusetts. SPURLOCK stated that this demotion came when he failed to turn over some money to the BPP on time.

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SPURLOCK stated that the New Haven BPP, to the best of his knowledge, has one 12 gauge single shot sawed off shotgun, seven or eight shotguns capable of holding eight to ten rounds and an unknown number of rifles. The stated that near the time of his expulsion these weapons were taken from 760 Orchard Street to an unknown location by SAM DAVIS. To the best of SPURLOCK's knowledge there are no guns at 760 Orchard Street, New Haven, Connecticut.

SPURLOCK stated that while he was in a leadership capacity he purchased several items of citizen band radio equipment. This equipment is now in the possession of RICHARD BLACKMAN and is not available to the BPP.

SPURLOCK stated that since his expulsion from the BPP he has not had any political contact with current members, but has talked with several on a social basis. He no longer considers himself a Black Panther and does not hold to BPP philosophy. He no longer owns a weapon.

The following description of SPURLOCK was obtained through observation and interview:

Name:	THEODORE CAREY SPURLOCK
Alias:	Ted Skully
Race:	Negro
Sex:	Male
Height:	6'
Weight:	165 pounds
Hair:	Black
Eyes:	Brown

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Complexion:	Medium
Date of Birth:	FOIA(b) (6)
Place of Birth:	New Haven, Connecticut
Residence:	28 Dickerman Street, New Haven, Connecticut
Marital Status:	Single

**II. ACTS IN FURTHERANCE OF REVOLUTIONARY
PROGRAM AND POLICIES**

On October 19, 1969, NH T-9 advised that the BPP at New Haven, Connecticut, intended to ship guns to Boston, Massachusetts, sometime after sundown on October 19, 1969. Source advised that CORNELL WRIGHT, BPP, Hartford, Connecticut, displayed a list of 20 guns including two Thompson sub-machine guns.

The same source advised that ROSCOE LEE and CHARLES "CAPPY" PINDERHUGHES were observed in the early morning hours of October 19, 1969, carrying pump shotguns in front of BPP headquarters, 35 Sylvan Avenue, New Haven, Connecticut. The purpose of this show of force was unknown to the source.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 28, 19691

DOUGLAS MIRANDA and SONNY MILLER and several other members of the Black Panther Party (BPP), New Haven, Connecticut, were observed departing BPP headquarters, 35 Sylvan Avenue, New Haven, Connecticut, shortly after dark at approximately 6:30 p.m. MIRANDA was observed entering a 1964 bronze-tan Oldsmobile station wagon bearing Connecticut license GX 8232. This car was observed department of the City of New Haven via Route 91 heading towards Hartford, Connecticut. At approximately six miles outside the City of New Haven on Route 91, the above-mentioned vehicle pulled over to the side of the road and stopped. At this time active surveillance of the above-mentioned car was discontinued, and the above information was furnished to representatives of the State Police in Connecticut, and to the FBI in Boston, Massachusetts.

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On September 22, 1969, NH T-9 advised that he attended a meeting of the BPP in New Haven, Connecticut, at 760 Orchard Street. Source stated at this time he noted that approximately 22 persons were present. Source stated that it was announced at this time that five members of the BPP in Connecticut, were to be sent to Boston for revolutionary training as leaders of the BPP, and that one of them would be eventually designated field captain for the Hartford chapter of the BPP. This training was to take approximately two months. Two of the five members sent were BRUCE RYLES and CORNELL WRIGHT. The names of the other three were unknown to the source. Source advised further that when he first walked into the apartment at 760 Orchard Street, New Haven headquarters for the BPP in New Haven at this time, he noticed that several Panthers were cleaning guns. He stated the guns consisted of two sub-machine guns, several repeating rifles and a good number of weapons of various makes. All of the above-mentioned weapons were returned to a wooden chest which was then in the living room.

III. TEACHING OF THE REVOLUTIONARY PROGRAM

AND CHAIRMAN BOBBY SEALE!

TEACH-IN THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 25 8:00 PM

YALE LAW SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Fifteen Panthers, including National Chairman Bobby Seale, are currently being held without bail in connection with an alleged conspiracy to commit murder. The New Haven Police Department, courts and newspapers have already convicted the Panthers. This premature conviction is part of a nation-wide series of attacks on the Black Panther Party by local authorities and the F.B.I. In the attempt to destroy the Panthers over two hundred members have been arrested and at least twenty shot to death in the streets.

Police and the FBI around the country have used the New Haven case to harrass other branches of the BPP. In Chicago the Black Panther office was fire-bombed, broken into and busted up. Eight members of the Illinois branch were arrested on charges of harboring a "fugitive from justice" wanted in New Haven. No fugitive was found, but the eight were arrested anyway. The Panther office in Denver was ransacked by police in search of people wanted in New Haven. During these harrassments Panther printing presses were smashed, literature destroyed and money from the Breakfast for Children program stolen by the police.

THE PANTHER PROGRAM

Through programs designed to serve the people directly, the Panthers expose the failures of the governmental and corporate institutions to meet the needs of all the people. Through Breakfast for Children, Liberation Schools, free clothing and health clinics, and self-defense programs the Panthers combine concrete action with education.

While corporations reap enormous profits they do not pay their workers enough to raise a family adequately. The BPP's Breakfast for Children program serves the people and points up the failure of our social system to do so.

While the schools and media perpetuate the myth of a free and open society, the BPP's education program exposes the reality of economic and cultural slavery and teaches the necessity for militant struggle.

While the police, in an attempt to destroy all resistance, constantly terrorize the Black community, the Black Panther Party seeks to arm the people for self-defense.

WHY THE PANTHER PARTY?

The BPP realizes that the system is incapable of producing the far-reaching changes necessary to free black people from their oppression. The BPP is being attacked because they are teaching the people to fight their oppressors. Their slogan "All Power to the People!" is revolutionary: capitalism can never meet that demand. Capitalism means that wealth and power are held by a few and kept from the people. The Black Panther Party labels the real enemies of the people: the big businessman, and the politicians and policeman

who protect him. The attack on the Black Panther Party is a desperate attempt to silence their message to the young, the poor, the workers, the powerless.

The Black Panther Party is fighting for the liberation of all people. They are fighting capitalism because that system breeds the urban slums, unemployment, racism, poverty, oppression of women and continual foreign wars witnessed every day. The Panthers speak to the anger we all feel; the anger we vent against each other. Instead of constant warfare between black and white, men and women, young and old, American and Vietnamese, the Panthers say: "Join together and fight your enemy." Our enemy fears that most of all.

The Black Panther Party fights for socialism, because socialism means "All Power to the People." A socialist society is run by all the people, to serve the needs of all the people. The people's needs determine what is produced, not the motive of private profit.

By obstructing the growth of the black community through miseducation, terrible living conditions and police intimidation, the capitalists perpetuate the degrading myths of black "inferiority" in order to crush the confidence to fight for self-determination.

Under capitalism, the masses of people are oppressed, but blacks face even greater oppression than whites. Black unemployment and infant mortality rates are twice that of whites. Average black income is little more than half that of whites; life expectancy is six years less.

Capitalist education teaches us lies about our history. It ignores the vital role working people, and in particular, black people have played in building our country. The schools train people only for the jobs available -- the means a rigid tracking system, decaying schools, stifled curiosity, and police-like teachers. For black people who get the worst jobs, schools are the most oppressive.

The war in Vietnam hurts us all but twice as many blacks fight and die there as do whites.

The special oppression black people face as an entire people inside white America is what we mean by racism. Capitalism, a system which divides people, breeds racism. Only socialism, a system which unites people, can destroy it.

Because the Panthers reveal the true nature of our society, they have come up against the full force of the capitalist police state. Through jailings and shootings, firebombs and frame-ups, the full force of the state is being used to prevent them from being heard.

But the Panthers will be heard. We will fight to free our brothers and sisters.

FREE THE PANTHER 15!

FREE BOBBY SEALE!

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

TEACH-IN THURSDAY

SEPTEMBER 25 8:00 PM

YALE LAW SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

New Haven SDS (rym), People's Committee to Defend the Panthers,
Black Panther Party.

On September 25, 1969, NH T-3 advised that at 8:00 p.m. a teach-in at Yale Law School auditorium was held. This teach-in was sponsored by the New Haven Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), the People's Committee for Defend the Panthers and the BPP.

NH T-3 stated the meeting opened with a film on the BPP, its origin, its dealings with police at demonstrations in front of the Alameda Courthouse to free HUEY NEWTON. After this film, BETH MITCHELL, also known as Elizabeth Bragg originally from New York City expounded on the BPP, its purpose and the various programs which they have started. MITCHELL stated how the party was started in October, 1966, by HUEY NEWTON and BOBBY SEALE to help free the Negroes from the "facist role of the U.S. power structure."

Source stated that MITCHELL also talked about how the police were used by the power structure to abuse the Negro and prevent him from obtaining his freedom. BRAGG told of the various programs Panthers had started such as the free breakfast program for school children and the BPP liberation school.

The second speaker was ROSCOE LEE who spoke on the repression of the BPP by the "facist pigs of the police department." LEE spoke of the effort of the BPP to organize all the revolutions and mobilize them to stop the facists from repressing all people. ROSCOE LEE urged all the people present to give their money and their lives if necessary "to defend the rights of the people and to shoot to kill if necessary." He then spoke of the various charges aimed to frame BOBBY SEALE and the other 14 Panthers in the death of ALEX RACKLEY. The third speaker at this meeting, according to the source, was DOUGLAS MIRANDA, who spoke of the welfare mothers' fight to get more clothes and money.

The meeting closed with a film strip on the turmoil of San Francisco State College.

A characterization of the SDS appears in the Appendix Section.

MINISTRY OF INFORMATION BULLETIN NO. 1



FREE HUEY

FREE THE
CONN. 15

FREE ALL POLITICAL
PRISONERS



FREE CHAIRMAN SEALE

"WE SHALL HAVE OUR MANHOOD.

WE SHALL HAVE IT OR THE

EARTH WILL BE LEVELED

BY OUR ATTEMPTS TO

GAIN IT..

GAIN IT..



Ever since May 21, 1969 12 members of the New Haven Branch of the Black Panther Party, have been held in the racist prisons of the oppressor — the Connecticut State Government. These lying pigs are trying to make the people believe that these Party members, who were trying to serve, educate, and solve the problems of the people here in our community, who were trying to liberate their people from the foul hands of robbing, racist America, murdered one of their own revolutionary brothers, Alex Rackley, a Panther Party member from New York. The New Haven Black Panthers did not kill their own revolutionary brother Alex.

THE RACIST PIGS KILLED ALEX RACKLEY, JUST LIKE THEY HAVE BEEN KILLING AND BEATING AND HANGING OTHER BLACK PEOPLE THROUGH OUR WHOLE HISTORY HERE IN AMERICA.

The pigs killed Brother Alex and blamed it on the New Haven Panthers, because they want to destroy the real protectors, the real servants of the people — the Black Panther Party.

The pigs killed Brother Alex and blamed it on the New Haven Panthers because they want the people to be afraid of the information the Panthers have for the people. The pigs killed Brother Alex and blamed it on the New Haven Panthers because they didn't want the people find out the truth about what's really happening to them here in New Haven and here in robbing, racist America. The pigs killed Brother Alex and blamed it on the New Haven Panthers because they don't want the Panthers to feed hungry school children here in New Haven.

The Black Panther Party is a political party for Black people and all other oppressed and exploited people here in racist, robbing America. We are not a bunch of dope addicts, crazy murderers, that our enemies and your enemies try to make you, the people believe we are. We are servants of the people, We love the people, We are working wholeheartedly for the people, We are honestly working for the complete liberation of and freedom of our people and all other oppressed and exploited people.

THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY GOES FORTH TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE, NOT MURDER AND LIE TO THEM

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

HELP FREE THE NEW HAVEN PANTHERS

SERVING THE PEOPLE

**THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY INVITES THE PEOPLE OF THE NEW HAVEN COMMUNITY
TO ATTEND A MEETING THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 8:00 o'clock**

HILL BLACK ARTS THEATRE

335 WESTPORTSEA STREET

WE WILL DISCUSS THE UPCOMING TRIAL OF THE NEW HAVEN PANTHERS

RECENT ARREST OF CHAIRMAN BOBBY SEALE FREE BREAKFAST PROGRAM

GENERAL DISCUSSION ABOUT THE PARTY'S TEN POINT PROGRAM AND PLATFORM

CHAIRMAN BOBBY KIDNAPPED BY BERKELEY PIGS

To kidnap Chairman Bobby Seale on charges of kidnapping, conspiracy to kidnap, murder and conspiracy to commit murder in connection with the slaying of Alex Rackley is absurd and ridiculous. Fourteen Panthers have already been framed for the murder of Brother Rackley and now the fascist federal government is trying to frame the Chairman of the Black Panther Party.

The kidnap of Bobby Seale is the latest in a series of fascist attacks by the pig power structure to destroy the leadership and organization of the Black Panther Party. We in the Party, recognize fascism for exactly what it is. Fascism is open terrorist vengeance against black people, the poor, the students, workers and all the people who will say "no more" to the open repression that is going on in America.

Pig Chief James Ahern is quoted as saying "Seale spoke at Yale University May 19, and was in New Haven at the time of the slaying." This is a bare-face lie. According to the report of the pigs, Alex Rackley was slain on May 21, 1969.

The re-arrest of Chairman Bobby, after he had been ransomed out of jail for the amount of \$25,000.00 on charges of flight to avoid prosecution is equally absurd. The pigs knew where he was all along. All they had to do was ask our attorneys to produce him.

Our Minister of Defense, Huey P. Newton is in jail, Eldridge Cleaver has been forced to flee the country, our Chief of Staff, David Hilliard is being framed on trumped-up charges. And now Chairman Bobby has these ridiculous charges made against him! But the blatant fascist attacks against our leadership will not destroy the Party. We will continue to serve the people with the Free Clothing Program for Children, The Free Breakfast Programs, the Liberation Schools, Free Health Clinics and the Free Lunch Programs.

"Historically, all reactionary forces on the verge of extinction invariably conduct a last desperate struggle against the revolutionary forces, and some revolutionaries are apt to be deluded for a time by this phenomenon of outward strength but inner weakness, failing to grasp the essential fact that the enemy is nearing extinction while they themselves are approaching victory." (Red Book page 83)

Huey P. Newton has said that "we are oxen to be ridden by the

people." We will continue to serve the people and we will grow stronger.

WELFARE PIGS REFUSE TO GIVE MOTHERS MONEY TO PURCHASE BACK TO SCHOOL CLOTHING FOR THEIR CHILDREN

The New Haven Welfare Mothers are demanding that this racist power structure gives them a sufficient amount of money to purchase back-to-school clothing for their children. In Connecticut, welfare recipients are allowed \$12.50 to purchase a winter coat for a growing boy of 13. The average monthly clothing allowance is \$6.80 per child which is totally inadequate. The pig power structure had the nerve to oink in the face of the people when the mothers appeared at the State Welfare Department in Hartford, demanding to talk to the State Welfare Commissioner, Edward Shapiro. The demagogue (lying, deceiving) punk ran away into hiding after he got word that the mothers were on their way to Hartford with their children. Rather than face the mothers, their children, and have to deal with their needs he had his flunkies report that he had "just received a hay fever attack."

You would think that this was cruel enough but along comes bone-nosed Richard Milhouse Nixon, oinking that things are going to be better for welfare recipients by offering a \$1,600 minimum in aid per year. This might be an improvement in Mississippi, but in Connecticut its like throwing crumbs in the face of the people. Yet these same running dogs politicians who are the human properties of finance capital (the flunkies of Hunt, Dupont, Rockefeller, Kennedy, Etc..) can allocate billions and billions of dollars to send monkeys as astro pigs to the moon. But when it comes to the basic needs of the "wretched of the earth", the people who have been enslaved by this oppressive capitalistic system cannot even begin to meet those needs—food, clothing, housing, education. The response to the people from the fascist pigs—the lying politicians, the greedy businessmen and the racist pig cops is "OINK!"

The cost of living has gone to outer space aboard the latest spaceship.

And all that the fascist U.S. Government does for the poor is raise taxes, decrease the services, make cutbacks, and oink empty words. The criminal clothing allotment to Welfare recipients points out the major difference in this corrupt American society, the difference between the haves (the exploiters—the people who own the means of production) and the have-nots (the exploited—the people who are overworked, underpaid, and overcharged for material merchandise which they themselves work to produce).

The Black Panther Party calls upon the people of the New Haven community to support the Welfare Mothers by participating in a demonstration on Wednesday, September 3rd, 1968. Meet at Dixwell Plaza 8:00 AM in the morning to march with the mothers to the Welfare Department on Bassett Street.

POWER TO THE WELFARE MOTHERS

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

FREE HUEY

FREE BOBBY SEALE

FREE THE NEW HAVEN PANTHERS

FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS

FREE ALL OPPRESSED PEOPLE

THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY IS ASKING THE PEOPLE OF THE COMMUNITY TO INFORM US OF ANY VACANT HOUSES IN THE COMMUNITY THAT ARE FOR SALE OR FOR RENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING A COMMUNITY INFORMATION CENTER, FREE MEDICAL CLINICS,

FREE BREAKFAST PROGRAM, AND A LIBERATION SCHOOL FOR THE PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY

IV. DOCUMENTS URGING REVOLUTIONARY PROGRAM

The following documents and flyers concerning BPP activities in the New Haven area are set forth. These documents were obtained by both open and concealed sources and testimony can be furnished by the New Haven Office as to their date of receipt and disposition by BPP members in the New Haven area.

Also, the following letter was furnished by Mr. CHRISTOPHER KNUDSEN, 1304 Hartford Turnpike, New Haven, Connecticut. This letter is one of the many such letters sent out by the BPP, 760 Orchard Street, New Haven, Connecticut. As the letter reflects, JOEL BROWN is listed as the breakfast coordinator for the New Haven BPP.

The BLACK PANTHERS

Twelve members of New Haven's Black Panther Party are still in jail—all without bail—convicted by the *New Haven Register-Journal Courier* without benefit of trial by jury—denied their rights—

why?

This is a political case. The Black Panther Party is an organization of black people working to change the economic and social system of this country. They oppose the way in which this system divides black people from white people, preventing them from uniting to work for their common benefit.

Any group, especially black people, that works for serious basic change in this country is a threat to those in power. Students and others who oppose the war and the military, workers who want change in the factories and on their jobs, black people who demand a different economic and political system—all these people are feared by those in power. And if all these groups seeking changes can see they have common goals, then the ruling elite will surely be in trouble.

The Black Panthers have been jailed in many cities besides New Haven. The Panthers understand that unity between black and white people is necessary for any meaningful change that will benefit those who work to produce this country's wealth, but have been consistently denied access to it.

the black panthers speak

"We're not worried about skin [color]. We've understood and told the people that it's a class struggle — the upper class exploiting and oppressing the lower class."

"The power structure is going to be making attacks on those who are trying to initiate the struggle... as we go through a 'legal process' that's supposed to be for the people, we get attacked and shot and murdered."

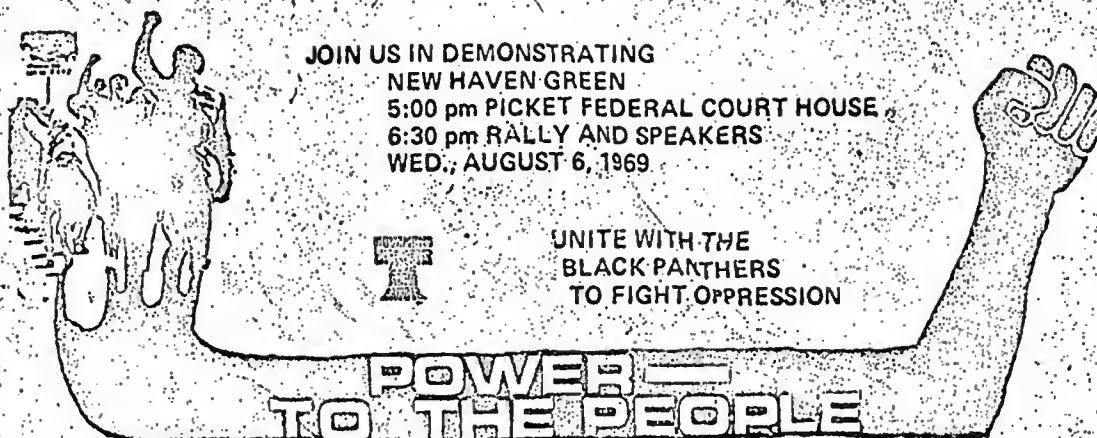
"The four key Panther Programs are breakfast for children, the petition campaign for community control of the police, free health clinics in the black community, and black liberation schools in the black community."

"Our program is a universal one, applicable to all working people."

panthers and the military

The Panthers believe that black people especially should not serve in the military. Point 6 of the Panther Platform states in part "we believe that Black people should not be forced to fight in the military service to defend a racist government that does not protect us. We will not fight and kill other people of color in the world who, like Black people, are being victimized by the white racist government of America."

The Panthers recognize that United States military involvement overseas does not serve the interests of the people. We agree, in support of the stand of the Black Panther Party against the war in Vietnam and American military policy, there will be a demonstration on the New Haven Green.



Draft Action Group/Resistance 865-4982 American Independent Movement 787-0123 New Haven SANE

FREE THE

NEW HAVEN PANTHER 15
NOW!

MEETING FOR PEOPLE WHO WANT TO
CANVASS AT YALE

15 members of the Black Panther Party, including National Chairman Bobby Scale, are being held without bail. Murder and kidnapping charges have been raised against them in an obvious frame-up attempt to stop the political work of the Black Panthers. People who want to work to Free the Panthers should come to this meeting.

People TO FREE THE PANTHERS

7:30 P.M.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20

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New Haven started Liberation School

A Liberation School opened up in New Haven on Thursday August 26th. The opening was spontaneous because the Black Panther Party "serves the people" by meeting their basic needs and desires. There was a need for a school to educate the many children of New Haven who

~~Students~~
Classes are being held in a room on Port Street between Howard and Alcott in the Hill Section OF NEW HAVEN.

~~AT 10:00 AM THE~~ ~~AT 10:00 AM~~ ~~THE FIRST DAY~~
~~AT 10:00 AM~~ There were 38 children attending on opening day

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The first hour was spent CLASS STARTED AT 3 O'CLOCK WITH THE FIRST HOUR BEING SPENT ~~AT 10:00 AM~~ Discussing THE BPP, OUR LEADER AND MINISTER OF DEFENSE HUEY P NEWTON WHO'S BEING HELD BY THE FASC

Bayonet displays and gas attacks are becoming ever more frequent in the cities of our country. They have become the open weapons of federal, state and local governments for suppression of popular discontent and public protest.

The National Guard and the police are increasingly using force and terror on college campuses, in the black ghettos and on picket lines. Every American's right to freedom of assembly and expression is being threatened by these actions.

In the name of "law and order", police clubs and jailings are being used by the authorities to silence just demands for jobs, education and a decent living.

This is the framework in which the citizens of our community should view the outcry of New Haven police, press and politicians against the Black Panther Party leaders. Behind their charge of "conspiracy to murder" is the effort to destroy an organization which has challenged racist rule, injustice and indignity under which black people have suffered far too long.

This is not the first case of persecution of those who unite to improve their condition. But it IS time to speak out and act so that it shall be the last!

Trade unionists should recall that early labor organizations were denounced by employers and brought to trial as "conspiracies." Our history is full of frame-ups, imprisonments and even executions of labor's martyrs. We all know today that they struggled and suffered for all of us.

What were the New Haven Panthers doing? They were preparing to serve daily free breakfasts for children in our city schools. They called for support of the Hill Health Center and for free medical care for working people and their families.

Their "crime" was to put the spotlight upon a system that cynically pretends to care for the needs of the people.

Eight men and women, two of them minors, were jailed in New Haven - and other arrests followed in cities across the country - in an effort to destroy the Black Panther organization. Bail has so far been denied!

Democratic rights for all Americans are at stake. Victimization of the Panthers will only ease the way for the Nixon administration's growing use of the courts and police repression. This cannot be allowed by those who want an end to poverty, racism and war.

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE of the Black Panther case victims!

AID to Black Panther legal defense!

AN END to police infiltration and persecution of people's organizations!

Issued by Communist Party of Connecticut, June, 1969
National Office, 23 West 26 St., New York, N.Y. 10010

Carmen Luke 7/31/69

New Haven Branch
Black Panther Party
760 Orchard St.
New Haven, Conn.

Sirs;

Sometime during the next few weeks the Black Panther Party will initiate a Free Breakfast For Children Program in the New Haven area. I suppose you are aware of the serious hunger situation in the black communities which is a very real and dangerous problem. The Black Panther Party realizing this trying to solve this problem by implementing Free Breakfast Programs everywhere we exist. At the time of this writing the Breakfast Program is feeding 40,000 children each morning across the country.

The purpose of this letter is to request a daily donation of; one hundred (100) cartons (1/2 pt.) of milk. We feel this is a small but adequate donation to your less fortunate neighbors. We would appreciate your reply as soon as possible. Our telephone number is 624-5475.

If you doubt my identification you can contact our national offices in Berkley, Calif., 3106 Shattuck Ave., tel. 845-0103.

All Power to the people
Black Panther case victims!

Joel Brown

Breakfast Co-ordinator
and persecution

N. Haven Black Panther Party

This letter received

Sat. Sept. 13, 1969.

CMK.

Black Panther Party
760 Orchard St.
New Haven, Conn.



Hendeca Spring Products
1804 Hantford Turnpike
New Haven, Conn.

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On September 20, 1969, NH T-3 advised that the BPP in New Haven had sent letters to approximately 30 business firms in the New Haven area. Source stated that the New Haven Police Department is presently checking out as many of these business establishments as possible to determine if extortion methods are being utilized by the BPP.

On October 18, 1969, an article appeared in the "New Haven Register" a daily newspaper published at New Haven, Connecticut, captioned "Panthers Seek Food for Young" which stated as follows:

"The Black Panther Party said today that it is seeking food or funds to continue a free-breakfast program for children.

"Joel Brown, who organized the program, said free breakfast is being served Monday through Friday in the Newhallville Teen Lounge, 179 Shelton Avenue.

"He said 14 children came when the program started 10 days ago. Attendance since that day has ranged from a low of 23 to a high of 71 Friday.

"Brown said attempts to solicit food contributions from area businessmen have been unsuccessful 'because businessmen have been told how to interpret our requests.'

"He said businessmen were under the erroneous impression that the Black Panther party would intimidate or use coercive tactics to gain cooperation. Brown denied that there was any truth to that rumor.

"He also denied that children who attend the breakfast are indoctrinated with the Maoist philosophy which serves as the theoretical foundation of the Panther party.

" 'We have no time for education during the breakfast program,' he said. 'However, we do hope eventually to start a 'Liberation School' for this purpose which would be open from 3:30 to 5 p.m.'

"He said the breakfast program is now serving children from Newhallville and a small portion from the Hill who are brought to the teen center by car at 7 a.m. The Panthers expect eventually to begin breakfast programs in the Hill and in the Dwight-Dixwell neighborhoods, he said.

"The breakfast program has been titled 'The John Huggins Memorial Free Breakfast for Children Program,' Brown said, in honor of the Black Panther who was shot to death a year ago by members of a black nationalist group in California.

"Huggins, a New Haven native, was the husband of Ericka Huggins who is one of 14 Black Panthers currently awaiting trial in the torture-slaying of Alex Rackley."

V. EVIDENCE OF NATIONAL UNITY

1Date October 18, 1969

On October 8, 1969, at approximately 12:40 p.m. the following individuals were observed entering Black Panther Party (BPP) headquarters, 35 Sylvan Avenue, New Haven, Connecticut:

DAVID HILLIARD
DONALD COX
AL CARROL,

were observed in a 1969 Oldsmobile station wagon bearing New York registration 7679X-F. In addition to the above-mentioned individuals, other persons were in this car and were seen entering BPP headquarters. All of the above-mentioned individuals entered 35 Sylvan Avenue and remained there for approximately one hour, at which time they were observed re-entering the above-mentioned vehicle and traveling to the entrance of the Connecticut Turnpike where they headed in the direction of New York City, at which time the surveillance by Bureau agents was discontinued.

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On 10/8/69 at New Haven, Conn. File # NH 100-19186
by SA THOMAS F. MC GORRAY/jfp
SA WILLIAM A. GILLEN
SA LEWIS W. HYDEN, II Date dictated 10/13/69

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On October 17, 1969, NH T-12 advised that SAM NAPIER, BPP national circulation manager for the "Black Panther" newspaper, would be flying to New York on October 17, 1969. Source stated that NAPIER would be bringing Black Panther newspapers and posters eventually to be sent to New Haven, Connecticut.

On October 20, 1969, NH T-3 advised that SAM NAPIER was observed entering BPP headquarters at 35 Sylvan Avenue, New Haven, Connecticut. Source advised that NAPIER remained for approximately two days and departed by car for New York at 4:00 p.m. October 19, 1969.

On October 14, 1969, NH T-3, advised that the following known members of the BPP originally from New York City are presently active in BPP activities in the New Haven area:

JACOB BETHEA
 ROSCOE LEE
 HENRY MITCHELL, also known as Sonny Mitchell
 ELIZABETH MITCHELL nee BRAGG
 RONNIE TYSON
 AMON FREDERICK BENNETT
 VERNON MILLER

NH T-3 also advised that an attorney named ARTHUR F. TURCO has been involved in defense plans concerning the Connecticut 15, but that TURCO is not known to be in New Haven on a permanent basis.

NH T-3 also advised that the following members of the BPP from Boston, Massachusetts, are presently in New Haven or have been within the past two months active in BPP activities;

DOUGLAS MIRANDA, Captain, BPP, Boston;
 JUDY LEE
 VERNA HAMPTON
 DOUGLAS FAUNTEROY
 WILLIAM JACKSON
 JOHN L. CHEATHAM
 DAVID QUICK
 CHARLES "CAPPY" PINDERHUGHES

NH T-3 advised that IDA LOIS WALSTON, a member of the BPP presently incarcerated in Niantic, Connecticut, has also been involved in Black Panther activities in New Haven. WALSTON is originally from Seattle, Washington. Source stated that JOEL BROWN, originally from Boston, is presently heading up the Black Panther Breakfast Program in the New Haven area.

On the same date, NH T-3 stated that DAVID HILLIARD, with DONALD COX, came to New Haven on October 8, 1969, purpose of this visit unknown. Source also advised that information has been developed concerning further participation in BPP activities in New Haven by ROBERT BAY and SAM NAPIER, National leaders of the BPP.

NH T-3 further advised that ELAINE BROWN, communications secretary for the BPP, Southern District of California, has been active in BPP activities throughout the State, but has recently returned to the West Coast. In addition, C. MELVIN JOHNSON, also known as JOMO KENYATTA of the Baltimore BPP, continues to be active in New Haven.

NH T-3 stated that DONNA J. WASHINGTON, a known BPP member of the Chicago BPP is expected in the New Haven area in the near future.

Source stated that the above-mentioned individuals have come to New Haven to take part in the "Defense of the Connecticut 15" and are attempting to make a "show of force" prior to the trial of BOBBY GEORGE SEALE, Chairman, BPP, and the several BPP members presently incarcerated for the torture-murder of BPP victim ALEX RACKLEY.

Source stated that in addition to the above-mentioned individuals, leaders of the BPP in New Haven are continually seeking additional help from New York and San Francisco.

NH T-3 advised that VELVA NEWSON and ROBERT WEBB from San Francisco were presently active in New Haven.

APPENDIX

BLACK PANTHER PARTY, aka Black Panther Party for Self-Defense

According to its official newspaper, the Black Panther Party (BPP) was started during December, 1966, in Oakland, California, to organize black people so they can take control of the life, politics, and the destiny of the black community. It was organized by BOBBY GEORGE SEALE, BPP Chairman, and HUEY P. NEWTON, BPP Minister of Defense. NEWTON is presently serving a sentence of two to fifteen years on a conviction of manslaughter in connection with the killing of an Oakland police officer.

The official newspaper, "The Black Panther," which further describes itself as the "Black Community News Service," stated that the BPP advocates the use of guns and guerrilla tactics in its revolutionary program to end oppression of the black people. Residents of the black community are urged to arm themselves against the police who are consistently referred to in the publication as "pigs" who should be killed.

"The Black Panther" issue of September 7, 1968, contains an editorial by BPP Minister of Education, GEORGE MASON MURRAY, which ends with the following:

"Black men. Black people, colored persons of America, revolt everywhere! Arm yourselves. The only culture worth keeping is revolutionary culture. Change. Freedom everywhere. Dynamite! Black Power. Use the gun. Kill the pigs everywhere."

Included in the introduction to an article appearing in the October 5, 1968, edition of "The Black Panther" is the statement, "...we will not dissent from American Government. We will overthrow it."

Issues of the "Black Panther" regularly contain quotations from the writings of Chairman MAO Tse-tung of the People's Republic of China and feature MAO's statement that "political power grows out of the barrel of a gun."

The national headquarters of the BPP is located at 3106 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley, California. Branches have been established at various locations throughout the United States.

BLACK PANTHER PARTY - CONNECTICUT

On May 19, 1969, BOB GEORGE SEALE, National Black Panther Party Chairman, spoke at Battell Chapel, Elm and College Streets, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut. SEALE spoke in part as follows:

"...The struggle we are involved in is not a racial struggle, but a class struggle. We have to define the revolution that's occurring in this country as a people struggle...We've got to teach these kids to use guns so that when the racist pig comes down into our community and brutalizes our people, we are gonna kill...If we catch a pig brutalizing our people in the black community, we are gonna kill him - we are gonna stop him..."

On April 20, 1969, a second source advised that the Communist Party of Connecticut held a State Convention at the Peoples Center, 37 Howe Street, New Haven, Connecticut, on that date. During this convention, it was announced that there was going to be a memorial service in New Haven on that date for three Black Panthers who were slain a year ago; and all members of the Communist Party were invited to attend this memorial.

The Black Panther Party presently has chapters in Bridgeport, New Haven, Hartford, and Middletown, Connecticut. Their leadership is presently confused since eight members of the Black Panther Party were arrested by the New Haven Police Department for the murder of ALEX RACKLEY, alleged Black Panther Party member from New York City, whose body was found in Middlefield, Connecticut, on May 21, 1969.

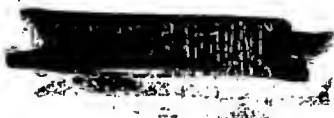
The National Organization of the Black Panther Party is characterized separately.

STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

A source has advised that the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), as it is known today, came into being at a founding convention held at Port Huron, Michigan, in June, 1962. From an initial ideological posture of "participatory democracy," the current line of the national leadership reveals an adherence to Marxism-Leninism. MICHAEL KLONSKY, National Secretary, in March, 1969, called for the building of a revolutionary Marxist-Leninist movement. The program of SDS has moved from involvement in civil rights struggles to an anti-Vietnam war position and finally to its present advocacy of an anti-imperialist line, linking up the oppressed peoples of Asia, Africa, and Latin America with the black liberation movement in the United States. China, Vietnam and Cuba are regarded as countries which are leading the world-wide struggles against United States imperialism. On the other hand, SDS regards the Soviet Union as an imperialist power and does not support the policies of that country.

SDS maintains a National Office in Room 206, 1608 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois. Its official paper "New Left Notes" reflects the line of the national leadership and program adopted at meetings of the National Council and National Interim Committee (NIC). Three national officers and an NIC of eleven members are elected each year during a June National Convention.

SDS Regional Offices and university and college chapters elect delegates to National Council meetings wherein program and ideology are debated, but each Region and chapter is autonomous in nature and is free to carry out independent policy and programs reflective of local conditions.



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FROM: NEW HAVEN (100-19186)

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BLACK PANTHER PARTY - FIREARMS, BPP - RACIAL MATTER
RE NEW HAVEN TEL CALL TO BOSTON NOV. THREE LAST.
SOURCE, RELIABLE IN PAST, ADVISED THE HAS RECEIVED
INFORMATION THAT THE BPP HARTFORD HAS OBTAINED FIFTY CARBINES
(THIRTY - THIRTY'S) FROM UNKNOWN SOURCE. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] ALL BPP HARTFORD, REPORTEDLY SOLD TEN
OF THESE GUNS TO UNKNOWN MEMBER OF BPP BOSTON WHO MET THEM IN
EAST HARTFORD, AFTERNOON OF NOV. THREE LAST, AND PAID [REDACTED]
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS. SOURCE STATED THAT SOME
OF THESE CARBINES HAVE BEEN SENT TO BPP NEW HAVEN AND THE REST
ARE STILL IN HARTFORD. FOUR MEMBERS OF BLACK STONE RANGERS
HARTFORD, ALL JUVENILES, WERE ARRESTED BY HARTFORD PD NOV.
THREE LAST IN POSSESSION OF TWENTY TWO CALIBER RIFLE AND ONE
THIRTY - THIRTY RIFLE. THESE GUNS WERE STOLEN FROM THUNDERBIRD
GUN SHOP PARK ST. HARTFORD, CONN. MORNING OF NOV. TWO LAST.

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TWELVE GAUGE SHOTGUNS REPORTEDLY TO BE TRANSPORTED TO BPP NEW
HAVEN VIA STOLEN RED TEMPEST BELONGING TO BLACK STONE RANGERS
IN HARTFORD. [] TO RETURN TO BOSTON FOR TRAINING
NOV. FOUR INSTANT. SURVEILLANCES OF BPP HEADQUARTERS NEW HAVEN
FAILED TO REFLECT PRESENCE OF RED TEMPEST. ATF, NH AND HARTFORD
PD, SS, ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTEEN, CONN. STATE POLICE ADVISED.

ADMINISTRATIVE: SOURCE IS []

[] (NH TDASH NINE). BOSTON ATTEMPT TO VERIFY SALE OF GUNS
AND ARRIVAL OF [] IN BOSTON. NY AND SAN FRANCISCO WILL ALERT
BPP SOURCES RE THE ABOVE. NEW HAVEN WILL MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH
SOURCE, ATTEMPT TO LOCATE STOLEN TEMPEST, AND ATTEMPT TO LOCATE
ORIGINAL SOURCE OF GUNS.

END

Date prepared

11-4-69

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11/24/69

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* INDIVIDUALS DESIGNATED BY AN ASTERISK (*) ONLY ATTENDED A MEETING AND DID NOT ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE.
VIOLENCE OR REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES WERE NOT DISCUSSED.

1-100-18186- (MPP)
1-157-1403 (S + JEFFREY P. J)
1-157-1404 (S + JEFFREY P. J)
1-157- (S + JEFFREY P. J)
1-100-18186- (MPP)
1-157-1079 (MPP - JEFFREY P. J)
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November 4, 1969

On 11-1-69, members of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY were observed selling the party paper on the New Haven green. JAMES ELLISON from Hartford, Conn. stated that the BPP Breakfast Program is really catching on both in New Haven and in Hartford. The Hartford branch of the BPP is using St Michaels R.C. Church in the north end for the program. The BPP New Haven are interested in the restaurant at the corner of Kimberly and Hampden Streets in New Haven.

CRAIG DORTCH, who is possibly affiliated with SDS (not BPP) is a negro male, 23 years of age, living on Comma St, New Haven, was passing out SDS literature near Winchester, on 11-3-69. DORTCH stated that the SDS would be joining the OLIN strikers on 11-4-69 at 7AM in front of Gate 8A, Winchester & Munson Streets New Haven. Approximately 35 persons showed up for this rally on 11-4-69, half of whom were students or young hippies.

JOE WASHINGTON stated that the BPP and the NOI in New Haven do not get along. He said that the NOI is a religious group and do not believe in the BPP ideology.

The BLACK PANTHER PARTY in New Haven have taken over an apartment at 325 Newhall St, 2nd floor. They are painting it up and fixing it up. The BPP has obtained supplies from the following two companies: FURMAN & SAUNDERS CONTRACTORS, Painting and Carpentry, New Haven & LOU THE THIRD CONSTR. CO. 3 Shelton Ave. New Haven.

Mrs. FLOSSIE BROWN, P.O. Box 243, Roslindale, Mass. was in contact with the BPP New Haven, purpose unknown.



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New Haven, Connecticut

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#2909*

**BLACK PANTHER PARTY
(FIREARMS)**

A characterization of the Black Panther Party (BPP) appears in the Appendix.

On November 4, 1969, NH T-9 advised that the Black Panther Party in Hartford, Connecticut, had obtained fifty 30-30 carbines from an unknown source. Source stated that three members of the BPP in Hartford reportedly sold ten of these guns to unknown member of the Black Panther Party from Boston, who met them in East Hartford, Connecticut, on the afternoon of November 3, 1969. Source stated that FOIA(b)(7) - (C), a known member of the BPP in Hartford, received \$125 for ten of these guns. Source also advised that some of these guns have been sent to the BPP in New Haven, Connecticut, and that the rest are still somewhere in Hartford, Connecticut.

On October 4, 1969, NH T-4 advised that four members of the Blackstone Rangers of Hartford, Connecticut, were arrested by the Hartford Police Department November 3, 1969 in possession of a stolen .22 caliber rifle and a 30-30 rifle. Source stated that these guns were stolen from the Thunderbird Gun Shop, Park Street, Hartford, Connecticut, on the morning of November 2, 1969. Source also advised that all four arrested were juveniles.

Four other guns were also taken during this theft, two 30-30's and two 12 gauge shotguns. Source advised these four guns reportedly were to be transported to the Black Panther Party in New Haven in a stolen red Tempest automobile belonging to the Blackstone Rangers of Hartford.

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RE: BLACK PANTHER PARTY
(FIREARMS)

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On November 7, 1969, NH T-9 advised he had received no additional information concerning the present whereabouts of the above mentioned guns. Source, however, advised that on November 7, 1969, FOIA(b)(7) - (C) was preparing to make a "deal" for two M16 rifles. Source was unable to furnish any additional information concerning these guns at this time.

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APPENDIXBLACK PANTHER PARTY, also known as
Black Panther Party for Self-Defense - Connecticut

On January 29, 1969, the "Bridgeport Telegram," a daily newspaper published at Bridgeport, Connecticut, contained in part the following:

"On January 28 (1969) the Black Panther Party was formed in Bridgeport, JOSE RENE GONZALVEZ announced last night at a meeting at party headquarters, 510 East Main Street. Mr. GONZALVEZ, a Cuban-born, Oakland-trained black defense captain, spoke to twenty Negro youths in his mission here to organize a chapter of the political party..."

On March 18, 1969, the following Black Panther literature, published locally was distributed in the Bridgeport, Connecticut, area. It read in part as follows:

"The BPP is a party that will produce for the people and its members will do anything and everything possible to meet the demands of the poor oppressed black people. We are not a hoodlum gang, nor did we come here to kill white people or the police. We came here to stop racist actions that the oppressors (black and white) have been taking upon our people. We are the vanguard party and we intend to provide leadership for the people and revolutionary groups across the country..."

A source advised as of April 14, 1969, the New Haven Chapter of the Black Panther Party was operating under the authority of the National Organization. JOSE RENE GONZALVEZ had been given the authority to open this chapter in New Haven and to organize throughout the State of Connecticut.

GONZALVEZ departed Connecticut in early May, 1969, and attempted to organize the Black Panther Party in Greensboro, North Carolina, for which he was suspended. State leadership in Connecticut was taken over by WARREN KIMBRO, a member and leader of the New Haven Chapter of the Black Panther Party, and ERICKA HUGGINS, political educational instructor.

BLACK PANTHER PARTY, aka
Black Panther Party for Self-Defense - Connecticut

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On May 19, 1969, BOBBY GEORGE SEALE, National Black Panther Party chairman, spoke at Battell Chapel, Elm and College Streets, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut. SEALE spoke in part as follows:

"... The struggle we are involved in is not a racial struggle, but a class struggle. We have to define the revolution that's occurring in this country as a people struggle...We've got to teach these kids to use guns so that when the racist pig comes down into our community and brutalizes our people, we are gonna kill...If we catch a pig brutalizing our people in the black community, we are gonna kill him - we are gonna stop him."

On 4/20/69, a second source advised that the Communist Party of Connecticut, held a State Convention at the Peoples Center, 37 Howe Street, New Haven, Connecticut, on that date. During this convention, it was announced that there was going to be a memorial service in New Haven on that date for three Black Panthers who were slain a year ago; and all members of the Communist Party were invited to attend this memorial.

The Black Panther Party presently has chapters in Bridgeport, New Haven, Hartford, and Middletown, Connecticut. Their leadership is presently confused since eight members of the Black Panther Party were arrested by the New Haven Police Department for the murder of ALEX RACKLEY, alleged Black Panther Party member from New York City, whose body was found in Middlefield, Connecticut, on May 21, 1969.

**THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY
IS CHARACTERIZED SEPARATELY.**

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APPENDIX

**BLACK PANTHER PARTY, aka
Black Panther Party for
Self-Defense**

According to its official newspaper, the Black Panther Party (BPP) was started during December, 1966, in Oakland, California, to organize black people so they can take control of the life, politics and the destiny of the black community. It was organized by BOBBY GEORGE SEALE, BPP Chairman, and HUEY P. NEWTON, BPP Minister of Defense. NEWTON is presently serving a sentence of two to fifteen years on a conviction of manslaughter in connection with the killing of an Oakland police officer.

The official newspaper, "The Black Panther," which further describes itself as the "Black Community News Service," stated that the BPP advocates the use of guns and guerrilla tactics in its revolutionary program to end oppression of the black people. Residents of the black community are urged to arm themselves against the police who are consistently referred to in the publication as "pigs" who should be killed.

"The Black Panther" issue of September 7, 1968, contains an editorial by BPP Minister of Education, GEORGE MASON MURRAY which ends with the following:

"Black Men. Black people, colored persons of America, revolt everywhere! Arm yourselves. The only culture worth keeping is revolutionary culture. Change. Freedom everywhere. Dynamite! Black Power. Use the gun. Kill the pigs everywhere!"

Included in the introduction to an article appearing in the October 5, 1968, edition of "The Black Panther" is the statement, "...we will not dissent from American Government. We will overthrow it."

Issues of the "Black Panther" regularly contain quotations from the writings of Chairman MAO Tse-tung of the People's Republic of China and feature MAO's statement that "political power grows out of the barrel of a gun."

The national headquarters of the BPP is located at 3106 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley, California. Branches have been established at various locations throughout the United States.



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New Haven, Connecticut

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Title **BLACK PANTHER PARTY
(FIREARMS)**

Character

Reference Memorandum, dated and captioned
 as above, at New Haven,
 Connecticut

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

F B I

Date: November 7, 1969

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via A I R T E L _____
(Priority)

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (105-165706-32)

FROM SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-19186) P

SUBJECT BLACK PANTHER PARTY
RACIAL MATTERSRe: New Haven teletype to Bureau, 11/4/69; and
Bureau airtel to New Haven, 11/5/69.Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies, for
Boston, New York and San Francisco two copies each of
a letterhead memorandum concerning information pertaining
to BPP firearms.Copies of the letterhead memorandum are being
disseminated locally to United States Secret Service,
108th MI Group, United States Attorney, New Haven and
ATF, Hartford, Connecticut.

- 2 - Bureau (Enc. 11)
- 2 - Boston (157-654) (Enc. 2)
- 2 - New York (100-161993) (Enc. 2)
- 2 - San Francisco (157-1204) (Enc. 2)
- 6 - New Haven
 - 2 - 100-19186
 - ① - 157-1079 (BPP, Hartford)
 - 1 - 157-533 (Possible Racial Violence,
Major Urban Areas)
 - 1 - 157-1284 (BPP, Firearms)
 - 1 - 52-1677 (Stockpiling of Weapons)

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Sent _____ M Per _____

NH 100-19186

The following sources were utilized in the enclosed letterhead memorandum:

NH T-4 is

FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

Hartford, Connecticut Police Department

NH T-9 is

FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

The letterhead memorandum is classified confidential in order to protect sources of continuing value.

L E A D S

BOSTON:

At Boston, Massachusetts

1. Will continue efforts to verify information concerning weapons purchased by BPP.
2. Will verify presence and activities of BRUCE RYLES. (It is noted that RYLES may be wearing uniform of Blackstone Rangers which consists of red beret and black pants with green stripe.)

NEW YORK and SAN FRANCISCO:

Will alert sources and attempt to verify that BPP is seeking to obtain weapons in Connecticut.

NEW HAVEN:

At Hartford, Connecticut

Will maintain liaison with source.

NH 100-19186

At New Haven, Connecticut

Will attempt to verify the presence of guns mentioned in letterhead memorandum in New Haven.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-1079)

FROM SA JOHN A. DANAHER, JR.

SUBJECT BLACK PANTHER PARTY
HARTFORD CHAPTER
RM - BPP

November 14, 1969

FOIA(b)(7) - (D) (BPP) advised 10/23/69 he had attended a meeting of the BPP in Hartford at the home of ROBERT WHITE, 500 Garden Street, and the following were present:

ROBERT WEBB
JACOB BETHA
ROSCOE LEE
ROBERT WHITE
WILLIAM WEAVER
GREGORY GREEN
CHICO BASILLIO
ANNIE LEE LOCKHART
GWEN RHODES
DOLORES BURNEY
ANDREA SHEPARD

Informant stated the usual meeting in New Haven for Saturday has been called off, and it will be held Saturday night instead. At this meeting it is expected that the temporary leadership for Hartford will be announced.

1 - 100-19186	1 - 157-1248 (G. Green)
① - 157-1079 (BPP-Hartford)	2 - 157-NEW (CHICO BASILLIO)
1 - <u>FOIA(b)(7) - (D)</u> ub 1-11	1 - 157-1469 (G. Rhodes)
1 - 157-Dead (William Weaver)	2 - 157-NEW (DOLORES BURNEY)
1 - 157-1451 (R. Webb)	1 - 157-1284 (Blackstone Rangers)
1 - 157-1365 (J. Betha)	
1 - 157-1356 (R. Lee)	
1 - 157-1458 (R. White)	
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NH 157-1079

Informant stated that the recent breaking and entering at the sport store on Karl Street, Hartford, was the work of the Blackstone Rangers and they had stolen more guns from the store than were reported in the paper. He stated they left the three found to throw the police off the track hoping the others would not be missed.

F B I

Date: 11/18/69

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-165706-32)

FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-19186) (P)

SUBJECT: BLACK PANTHER PARTY
(COMMUNICATIONS)
RACIAL MATTER - BPP
OO: SAN FRANCISCO

Re: New Haven airtel to Bureau, 9/8/69.

On 9/28/69, FOIA(b)(7) - (D) (PROB), a source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that the Black Panther Party in New Haven no longer is utilizing 760 Orchard St., New Haven as their party headquarters. This source stated that the Black Panther Party is now working out of 35 Sylvan St., New Haven and are utilizing telephone number 562-7463.

Mr. J. MC KEON, Security Department, Southern New England Telephone Company, (SNETCO), furnished the following long distance telephone calls made from telephone number 562-7463 from the period of 10/6/69 through 10/28/69:

- 2 - Bureau
- 2 - Baltimore
- 2 - Boston
- 2 - Detroit
- 2 - Philadelphia
- 2 - San Francisco
- 2 - WFO
- 5 - New Haven (2 - 157-1412)
- (2 - 100-18186)
- (1 - 157-1079)

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REGISTERED MAIL

Approved: _____

Sent _____ M Per _____

Special Agent in Charge

157-1079-98

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<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Number</u>
Roxbury, Mass.	10/6/69	617 442-0100
Berkeley, Calif.	10/6/69	415 845-0103
New York, N. Y.	10/6/69	212 884-2721
Baltimore, Md.	10/6/69	301 675-7628
Mattapan, Mass.	10/6/69	617 298-1830
Mattapan, Mass.	10/6/69	" " "
Mattapan, Mass.	10/6/69	" " "
Mattapan, Mass.	10/6/69	" " "
Mattapan, Mass.	10/6/69	" " "
Dorchester, Mass.	10/7/69	617 288-7769
New York, N. Y.	10/7/69	212 666-3603
Mattapan, Mass.	10/8/69	617 298-1830
Cambridge, Mass.	10/8/69	617 491-2430
Cambridge, Mass.	10/8/69	" " "
Cambridge, Mass.	10/8/69	" " "
New York, New York	10/8/69	212 666-3603
Berkeley, Calif.	10/8/69	415 845-0103
Mattapan, Mass.	10/9/69	617 298-1830
Oakland, Calif.	10/9/69	415 568-3334
Roxbury, Mass.	10/9/69	617 442-0100
Berköley, Calif.	10/9/69	415 845-0103
Baltimore, Md	10/10/69	301 752-5869
New York, New York	10/10/69	212 465-1063
Roxbury, Mass.	10/10/69	617 427-9693
New York, New York	10/11/69	212 864-8951
New York, New York	10/11/69	" " "
New York, New York	10/12/69	212 468-1113
New York, New York	10/12/69	212 864-8951
Washington, D. C.	10/12/69	202 829-4235
New York, New York	10/12/69	212 864-8951
New York, New York	10/13/69	212 864-8951
New York, New York	10/13/69	212 525-3407

NH 100-19186

<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Number</u>
Auburn, Mass.	10/13/69	617 832-5755
Berkeley, Calif.	10/13/69	415 848-6705
San Francisco, Calif.	10/14/69	415 346-4013
Roxbury, Mass.	10/14/69	617 427-9693
Bangor, Mich.	10/14/69	616 427-9693
Roxbury, Mass.	10/14/69	617 427-9693
Mattapan, Mass.	10/14/69	617 298-1830
Roxbury, Mass.	10/15/69	617 427-9693
Berkeley, Calif.	10/15/69	415 845-0103
San Francisco, Calif.	10/16/69	415 922-6322
Auburn, Mass.	10/16/69	617 832-5755
Philadelphia, Pa.	10/16/69	215 236-3358
San Francisco, Calif.	10/16/69	415 922-6322
Roxbury, Mass.	10/16/69	617 427-9693
Oakland, Calif.	10/16/69	415 568-3334
Cambridge, Mass.	10/17/69	617 864-2600
Roston, Mass.	10/17/69	617 742-7370
Roxbury, Mass.	10/17/69	617 427-9693
Mattapan, Mass.	10/17/69	617 298-1830
Roxbury, Mass.	10/17/69	617 442-0100
Mattapan, Mass	10/18/69	617 298-1830
New York, New York	10/18/69	212 864-8951
San Francisco, Calif.	10/18/69	415 922-0095
New York, New York	10/18/69	212 864-8951
Mattapan, Mass.	10/18/69	617 298-1830
Sausalito, Calif.	10/19/69	415 332-3632
Berkeley, Calif.	10/19/69	415-848-6705
New York, New York	10/19/69	212 691-6783
Roxbury, Mass.	10/19/69	617 427-9693
Roxbury, Mass.	10/19/69	617 442-0100

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<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Number</u>
New York, New York	10/19/69	212 864-8951
New York, New York	10/19/69	212 523-9866
New York, New York	10/19/69	212 695-6000
Oakland, Calif.	10/19/69	415 568-3334
Boston, Mass.	10/20/69	617 742-7370
New York, New York	10/20/69	212 523-9866
Mattapan, Mass.	10/20/69	617 298-1830
Boston, Mass.	10/20/69	617 742-7370
New York, New York	10/20/69	212 691-6783
Berkeley, Calif.	10/20/69	415 848-6705
Roxbury, Mass.	10/21/69	617 442-0100
Roxbury, Mass.	10/21/69	" " "
Roxbury, Mass.	10/21/69	617 427-9693
New York, New York	10/21/69	212 864-8951
New York, New York	10/21/69	" " "
Mattapan, Mass.	10/21/69	617 298-1830
San Francisco, Calif.	10/22/69	415 922-6322
Roxbury, Mass.	10/22/69	617 427-1294
San Francisco, Calif.	10/22/69	415 922-6322
Boston, Mass.	10/22/69	617 742 7370
Mattapan, Mass.	10/22/69	617 298-1830
Roxbury, Mass.	10/22/69	617 427-9693
New York, New York	10/22/69	212 468-1113
Roxbury, Mass.	10/22/69	617 442-0100
San Francisco, Calif.	10/22/69	415 922-6322
Roxbury, Mass.	10/23/69	617 442-0100
Tckh Brxvl, New York	10/23/69	914 337-0700
Tckh Brxvl, New York	10/23/69	" " "
Tckh Brxvl, New York	10/23/69	" " "
Cambridge, Mass.	10/23/69	617 864-2600
New York, New York	10/23/69	212 565-4930
Boston, Mass.	10/23/69	617 742-7370
Roxbury, Mass.	10/23/69	617 442-0100
San Francisco, Calif.	10/23/69	415 863-6197
Roxbury, Mass.	10/23/69	617 442-0101
San Francisco, Calif.	10/23/69	415 863-6197
Berkeley, Calif.	10/23/69	415 845-0103
Roxbury, Mass.	10/23/69	617 427 9693
Roxbury, Mass.	10/23/69	617 445-2939
New York, New York	10/24/69	212 864-8951

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<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Number</u>
Mattapan, Mass.	10/24/69	617 298-1830
W. Medford, Mass.	10/24/69	617 488-6323
Berkeley, Calif.	10/24/69	415 848-6705
New York, New York	10/24/69	212 666-3603
New York, New York	10/25/69	212 864-8951
San Francisco, Calif.	10/25/69	415 648-5156
Roxbury, Mass.	10/25/69	617 427-9693
Roxbury, Mass.	10/25/69	617 442-0100
Roxbury, Mass.	10/25/69	" " "
Roxbury, Mass.	10/25/69	" " "
W. Medford, Mass.	10/25/69	617 488-6323
Berkeley, Calif.	10/25/69	415 845-0103
New York, New York	10/25/69	212 666-3603
Roxbury, Mass.	10/25/69	617 442-0100
Roxbury, Mass.	10/26/69	617 445-2939
New York, New York	10/26/69	212 864-8951
Berkeley, Calif.	10/26/69	415 848-6705
Baltimore, Md.	10/26/69	301 435-5151
New York, New York	10/26/69	212 864-8951
New York, New York	10/26/69	212 666-3603
San Francisco, Calif.	10/27/69	415 346-4013
Oakland, Calif.	10/27/69	415 653-3532
San Francisco, Calif.	10/27/69	415 922-6322
Malden, Mass.	10/27/69	617 324-7471
Berkeley, Calif.	10/27/69	415 848-6705
Oakland, Calif.	10/27/69	415 653-3532
Malden, Mass.	10/27/69	617 324-7471
San Francisco, Calif.	10/27/69	415 922-6322
Berkeley, Calif.	10/27/69	415 848-6705
San Francisco, Calif.	10/27/69	415 922-0095
Roxbury, Mass.	10/27/69	617 442-0100
Berkeley, Calif.	10/28/69	415 848-6705
Philadelphia, Pa.	10/28/69	215 236-3358
Roxbury, Mass.	10/28/69	617 442-0100

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<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Number</u>
Cambridge, Mass.	10/28/69	617 864-2600
Philadelphia, Pa.	10/28/69	215 236-3358
Roxbury, Mass.	10/28/69	617 442-0100
Auburn, Mass.	10/28/69	617 832-5755
Oakland, Calif.	10/28/69	415 568-3334
San Francisco, Calif.	10/28/69	415 922-6322

In addition to the above listed numbers, the following numbers were called within the State of Connecticut:

<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Number</u>
Hartford, Conn.	10/9/69	525-9021
Middletown, Conn.	10/10/69	346-9970
Hartford, Conn.	10/10/69	525-9021
Hartford, Conn.	10/10/69	" "
Hartford, Conn.	10/12/69	525-8587
Hartford, Conn.	10/12/69	525-9021
Hartford, Conn.	10/12/69	525-9922
Storrs, Conn.	10/14/69	429-3311
Hartford, Conn.	10/16/69	525-9021
Middletown, Conn.	10/18/69	346-9970
Hartford, Conn.	10/18/69	525-9021
Madison, Conn.	10/19/69	245-2567
Hartford, Conn.	10/19/69	522-2528
Madison, Conn.	10/20/69	245-2567
Hartford, Conn.	10/21/69	525-8349
Storrs, Conn.	10/24/69	429-7315
Hartford, Conn.	10/24/69	525-9021
Hartford, Conn.	10/24/69	525-9021
Canaan, Conn.	10/24/69	824-5990

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For the information of all offices receiving this communication, the above telephone number has been utilized by the Black Panther Party in New Haven, Conn. The Black Panther Party commenced residing at 35 Sylvan Avenue, on 10/31/69 at which time telephone number 562-7463 was installed. Discreet surveillances by agents of the New Haven Office have reflected that as many as 30 members of the Black Panther Party have been residing on the second floor of 35 Sylvan Ave.

LEADS:

For the information of all offices receiving this communication, the Bureau has instructed where possible the subscribers to these telephone numbers are to be identified. In those instances where the subscriber is an individual and there is no logical explanation for the contact, offices indices should be searched and established sources contacted for information concerning the subscriber. Thereafter, the matter should be handled in accordance with provisions of Sections 87D or 122A, Manual of Instructions, pertaining to the investigation of individuals. If the subscriber is determined to be a business firm or organization, consideration must be given to ascertaining the purpose of the contact.

NEW HAVEN:

AT NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

Will identify the subscribers to telephone numbers within the State of Connecticut, in order that their relationship to the Black Panther Party in New Haven might be determined through investigation.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-1079)

November 14, 1969

FROM SA JOHN A. DANAHER, JR.

SUBJECT BLACK PANTHER PARTY
HARTFORD CHAPTER
RM - BPP

FOIA(b)(7) - (D) (BPP), advised 10/29/69, he had attended a political education class on the evening of 10/25/69 held at the home of ROBERT WHITE, 500 Garden Street, Hartford. Informant stated the following persons were present from New Haven:

ROSCOE LEE
JACOB BETHA
ROBERT WEBB

and from Hartford:

GREGORY GREEN
EMILY WHITE
WILLIAM WEAVER
CHICO BASILLIO
DOLORES BURNEY
ROBERT WHITE
RONALD FREEMAN

Informant stated the following persons were appointed to positions of leadership on a temporary basis by ROBERT WEBB:

1 - 100-19186 (BPP-Conn.)	2 - 157-NEW (EMILY WHITE)
① - 157-1079 (BPP, Hartford)	1 - 157-1458 (R. White)
1 - FOIA(b)(7) - (D)ub 1-12	2 - 157-NEW (CHICO BASILLIO)
1 - 157-DEAD (WILLIAM WEAVER)	2 - 157-NEW (DOLORES BURNEY)
1 - 157-1356 (R. Lee)	1 - 157-NEW (RONALD FREEMAN)
1 - 157-1365 (J. Betha)	1 - 157-1284 (Blackstone Rnagers)
1 - 157-1451 (R. Webb)	1 - 157-1218 (Black Student Union)
1 - 157-1248 (G. Green)	

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GREGORY GREEN - Captain in Charge

ROBERT WHITE - Assistant Captain and PE Instructor

CHICO BASILLIO - Finance

DOLORES BURNEY - Communication

EMILY WHITE - Correspondence

Informant stated that the Panther newspaper is used for the instruction during classes as well as reading from the Red Book.

He stated that he heard a comment that WILLIAM WEAVER had been the driver of a bus load of Blackstone Rangers to a dance at the University of Connecticut. He heard that the bus broke down on the way home and the Rangers went wild on the roadside. They stopped cars and beat on hoods until the State Police were called and were going to place them all under arrest. Informant stated he heard that the Rangers were all armed at this time. Informant had no other information concerning this incident.

Informant stated that during the day Saturday, all the Hartford members were out selling the Panther paper in the North End of Hartford.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

Informant advised that a PE class was held 10/28/69 at the home of EMILY WHITE, 75 Suffield Street, Hartford. He stated the class was conducted by ROSCOE LEE, ROBERT WEBB and JACOB BETHA. The class was again taken from the Panther newspaper.

The following were in attendance:

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ROSCOE LEE
ROBERT WEBB
JACOB BETHA
ROBERT WHITE
WILLIAM WEAVER
GREGORY GREEN
EMILY WHITE
DOLORES BURNEY
RONALD FREEMAN -- stood guard with a gun outside door

Informant stated that after the calss it was announced that a group of girls who call themselves the "Conquerlettes" who make their headquarters at the Neighborhood Youth Center, Bedford Street, had invited the Panthers to come over that night to explain the program of the Panthers. The members who had been at the PE class, with the exception of RONALD FREEMAN, went to the center. The man in charge would not let them in until ROBERT WEBB told him that they were members of the BPP and were going to enter or they would burn down the building. At this, they were allowed to enter, and they met with the girls. The girls were interested in the BPP and stated they would consider joining.

Informant stated that after leaving the Neighborhood Center, several members left for the University of Connecticut Student Center where he understood they were to pick up literature from the Black Student Union.

Informant stated he understood that ROBERT WEBB, JACOB BETHA, WILLIAM WEAVER, DOLORES BURNEY and a young man named GEORGE (LNU) were the ones who went to UConn.

Informant advised that he was told by ROSCOE LEE that CHICO BASILLIO had been sent to Boston that day by the BPP so that he could learn the use, breakdown and repair of guns which had been brought into the country from Mexico and were then in Boston. CHICO was to bring some of them back to Hartford after he had completed his training in them.

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Informant stated he was asked by [redacted] if he knew [redacted], for he wanted to contact [redacted] to see if it would be possible for [redacted] to contact his underworld friends in New York to have them provide guns for the BPP. WEBB also stated that he had hopes of buying guns from the operator of a camping equipment company on the Berlin Turnpike, particularly pump shotguns.

Informant advised the Panthers in Hartford have been collecting food and other equipment from merchants in the North End by just pointing out that they are members of the Panthers and it would be best to contribute.

He also stated the breakfast program is going to be started in the Cutch Point Housing Project in the South End so that it will not be necessary to bus children back and forth. It is expected they will be able to get the use of a church in the area where they can cook breakfast.

No plane travel

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MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-19186) (P)

DATE: 11/28/69

FROM: SA THOMAS F. MC GORRAY

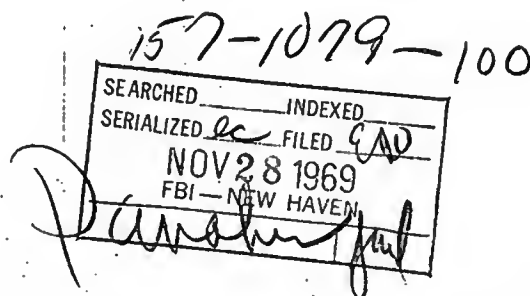
SUBJECT: BLACK PANTHER PARTY (BPP)
TRAVEL OF LEADERSHIP
RACIAL MATTERS

Re: Bureau airtel to Albany, Et Al, 10/21/69.

For the past several months, officials, functionaries, and key activists of the Black Panther Party (BPP) have traveled extensively and continually throughout the United States and on occasion to foreign countries. Inasmuch as almost all of this travel is by commercial airline, it is obvious that a great deal of money is being spent by the BPP for travel purposes. It is imperative that the sources of the money being used by the BPP in financing this constant travel be determined, particularly since officials at BPP National Headquarters are continually complaining of the lack of funds to carry on BPP business and activities. The Bureau has requested that all offices should continue as in the past to remain alert for such travel and advise the Bureau and pertinent offices thereof, in order that the activities of these individuals can be followed and the purpose of their travel determined.

It is noted that in the New Haven Division, most travel by BPP functionaries is done from the West Coast to New York by

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commercial air and thereafter by car to New Haven. However, in order to better evaluate and to increase out coverage during such travel, our coverage of BPP functionaries should include but not be limited to periodic physical surveillances, continuing efforts to place or develop informants close to the individual traveling to or from New Haven and the development of neighborhood sources. Also the location and monitoring of individual bank accounts should be considered.

In addition, whenever a BPP functionary travels especially by air, the office covering the departure point should not only determine the means and details of the travel, but it should also ascertain the cost of the travel and how it was financed. If it was paid for by a negotiable instrument or a credit card appropriate leads should be set forth to trace these items in an effort to identify the original source of funds.

LEADS:

NEW HAVEN:

At New Haven, Conn.

Will continue to maintain liaison with Mr. PAUL MAY, Allegheny Airlines, Tweed New Haven Airport, concerning travel and activities of BPP.

At Hartford, Conn.

Will establish liaison with appropriate sources at Bradley Air Field in order to furnish above mentioned coverage.

At Bridgeport, Conn.

Will attempt to obtain appropriate coverage as mentioned above.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL SECURITY AGENTS

DATE: 11/28/69

FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-19186) (P)

SUBJECT: BLACK PANTHER PARTY
RACIAL MATTER

Re: Bureau airtel to Albany, Et Al, 11/5/69.

In connection with a recent request from the Department, a survey was made to identify purged and expelled members of the BPP and to determine the results of interviews conducted with them.

At the time of the survey, 347 former members of the BPP were identified as being expelled and purged from the organization. Of this number, 124 had been interviewed and 46 of them or approximately 37% were cooperative to some degree with the interviewing Agents. These figures do not include another 25 expelled or purged members of the BPP who are now furnishing information to the Bureau on a regular basis. Forty-seven percent of all those interviewed were receptive to interview in varying degrees.

On 3/21/69, ten members of the BPP were interviewed which two have been furnishing information on a regular basis. Since that date, five expelled or purged members of the Connecticut BPP have been interviewed with positive results. The remaining two have fled the Connecticut area and therefore are not available for interview.

In view of the above, each agent is requested to remain alert for former members of the BPP who have been purged, expelled, or who quit the organization on their own and immediate consideration should be given to interviewing such individuals with existing instructions.

1 - 100-19186 1 - 157-1079 (BPP, Hartford)
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1 - Supervisor Hawley (50)
1 - Supervisor Glossa
1 - 157-1032 (BPP, Bridgeport)

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AIR MAIL (REGISTERED)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-165706-32)

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (157-3043) (P)

SUBJECT: BLACK PANTHER PARTY -
NEW HAVEN DIVISION
RM - BPP

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[REDACTED] (SF T-16) a highly confidential source
advised as follows on 9/22/69:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] HEWITT that he
had just got out of jail where he had known LANIE MC LUCAS
and some of the other brothers who were being held there.
Since getting out of jail, TOM had been in touch with the
BPP in New Haven. TOM also said that he had previously
visited Calif. He said that he and some of the other brothers
had been trying to get information about the execution of
a man named AHMED EVANS which was supposed to take place at
midnight on this date but they were unable to get any infor-
mation from the wire services.

[REDACTED] he and some of the

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other brothers were really up against it with their trials coming up the following week. They were thinking of leaving the country because things were very "shakey". HEWITT acknowledged that he knew how things were back there and the BPP intended to send some help there soon. However, HEWITT said that the BPP did not advocate anyone leaving the country "because there is no place to go." HEWITT instructed TOM to handle his problems through the BPP in New Haven.

The above material is being furnished the New Haven Office to indicate the status of activity of the BPP in Connecticut and also to set forth the official party line that brothers in trouble were not supposed to run away out of the country.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE NEW HAVEN	OFFICE OF ORIGIN SAN FRANCISCO	DATE 11/25/69	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 9/25/69 - 11/25/69
TITLE OF CASE BLACK PANTHER PARTY NEW HAVEN DIVISION		REPORT MADE BY SA THOMAS F. MC GORRAY	TYPED BY jbm jfp
		CHARACTER OF CASE RM-BPP	

REFERENCES: New Haven report of SA THOMAS F. MC GORRAY, 9/30/69;
New Haven evidentiary report of SA THOMAS F. MC GORRAY,
10/30/69.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

A copy of this report has been disseminated locally to 108th MI Group, Secret Service, and USA, New Haven, Conn., and ATF, Hartford, Connecticut.

Information copies of this report have been sent to offices designated inasmuch as they are either involved in conducting investigation or have a common interest in this matter.

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ADMINISTRATIVE (continued)

An effort has been made in this matter to keep lengthy quotes made by BPP members and leaders to a minimum.

Of the names mentioned in this report who are active in the New Haven Division, none are presently on the Security Index except where noted. In view of the fact that the BPP in Conn. is presently under the leadership and control of BPP leaders from out-of-state, New Haven will recommend for the SI in the future those panthers from out-of-state who are known to be residing or assigned to New Haven on a permanent basis.

Materials such as telephonic toll calls, BPP fliers, and handouts, information specifically concerning BPP funds, Breakfast Program, and Liberation School, have been set forth in separate communications and details will not be reiterated herein.

This report has been classified "CONFIDENTIAL" because information furnished by NH T-3 through NH T-18 if disclosed could reasonably result in the identification of confidential informants of continuing value and compromise future effectiveness thereof.

The Bureau will note that sections in this report entitled BPP Finances, Firearms, Liberation Schools, and Breakfast Program have been reduced to a minimum reporting in this communication. This has been done because the NHO has recently submitted separate detailed LHMs on these subjects.

INFORMANTS:

For the information of all offices receiving copies of this communication, NH T-1 through NH T-11 are BPP informants of the NHO who have been given permanent T symbols in accordance with

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Bureau instructions. NH T-12 through NH T-18 are not permanent symbol informants but are known to be reliable except where indicated.

<u>Identity</u>	<u>Location</u>
NH T-3 is [redacted], [redacted] New Haven Police Department	100-19186, 1797, 1624, 1583, 1770, 1769, 1628, 1659
NH T-7 is [redacted]	100-19186-1713, 1735
NH T-9 is [redacted]	100-19186, 1719, 1745
NH T-12 is [redacted]	100-19186, 1618, 1621
NH T-13 is [redacted], [redacted]	100-19186-1704
NH T-14 is [redacted]	100-19186, 1753, 1601, 1605
NH T-15 is [redacted]	100-19186-1666
NH T-16 is [redacted], Clerk, Western Union	100-19186-1683
NH T-17 is [redacted]	100-1637, 1648
NH T-18 is [redacted]	100-19186-1590, 1591

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LEADS:

BOSTON, NEW YORK, and SAN FRANCISCO

Will continue to furnish New Haven with information concerning the travel and activities of BPP members from their respective divisions.

NEW HAVEN

At New Haven and Hartford, Connecticut

Will continue to follow the activities of the BPP.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - 108th MI Group, New Haven, Connecticut (RM)
1 - Secret Service, New Haven, Connecticut (RM)
1 - United States Attorney, New Haven, Connecticut (RM)
1 - ATF, Hartford, Connecticut (RM)

Report of: SA THOMAS F. MC GORRAY
Date: November 25, 1969

Office: NEW HAVEN

Field Office File #: NH 100-19186

Bureau File #: 100-465706-32

Title: BLACK PANTHER PARTY
NEW HAVEN DIVISION

Character: RM - BLACK PANTHER PARTY

Synopsis: The BPP, New Haven, Conn., presently utilizing 35 Sylvan Ave. as BPP Headquarters, floor plan set forth. BPP, Hartford, Conn., chapter reorganized. People to Free the Panthers defending Conn. 14. Info concerning BPP arrests, films, travel of leadership, and trial of Conn. 14 set forth. BPP Breakfast Program active at 179 Shelton Ave., New Haven. BPP financial data included. Attempts to obtain firearms by BPP as well as several BPP rallies and demonstrations included herein. BPP affiliation with CP and other organizations set forth.

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DETAILS:

Characterizations of the Black Panther Party (BPP), state and national, and Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) appear in the Appendix Section of this report.

I. ORGANIZATIONAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA

A. Location of Black Panther Party (BPP)
Headquarters, New Haven, Connecticut

On November 1, 1969, NH T-7 advised that the Black Panther Party is presently utilizing 35 Sylvan Avenue as its headquarters in New Haven. Source stated that they also have established apartments for BPP activities at 325 Newhall Street, second floor, 145 Minor Street, and 179 Shelton Street, New Haven, Connecticut.

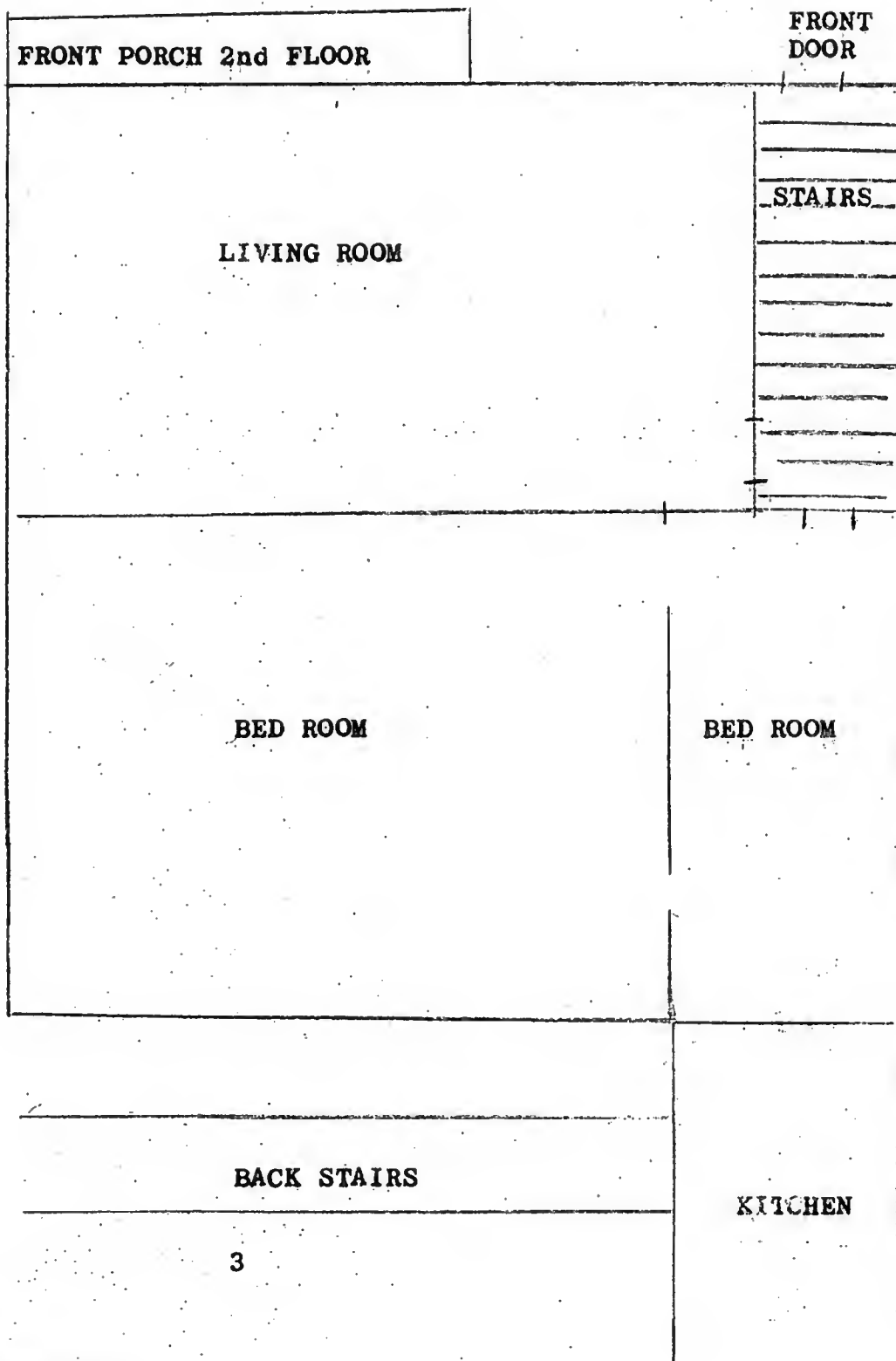
On October 18, 1969, NH T-12 advised that the new address for the Black Panther Party (BPP) in New Haven, Connecticut, is 35 Sylvan Avenue.

On October 29, 1969, NH T-13 furnished the following drawing of the floor plan for the BPP Headquarters, 35 Sylvan Avenue, second floor apartment, New Haven, Connecticut:

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BPP FLOOR PLAN
35 Sylvan Ave.
New Haven, Conn.



On October 23, 1969, NH T-13 advised that there are three apartments in the building at 35 Sylvan Avenue, New Haven, Connecticut, presently being utilized by the BPP. The first floor is being rented by a student. The second floor was obtained by a JAMES E. WILSON on behalf of the panthers. The phone and rent are paid in the name of JAMES E. WILSON. However, it is not known if WILSON resides in this apartment. The third floor is occupied by a student who has been observed in the presence of members of the BPP.

B. Hartford, Connecticut, Chapter

On October 8, 1969, NH T-9 advised that the BPP was presently under reorganization in Hartford, Connecticut. Source furnished a list of BPP membership which included 21 names, addresses, and telephone numbers which he obtained from ROBERT L. WHITE, a known member and leader of the BPP in Hartford, Connecticut.

Source further advised that the BPP had established a Breakfast Program for Children in Hartford and was selling the Black Panther newspaper on a daily basis.

He also advised the party in Hartford had over \$200 in their bank account.

Source stated that the BPP in Hartford is closely associated with the Blackstone Rangers, a black militant organization which originally was founded in Chicago, Illinois. Source advised that the organizational structure of the two organizations is similar but distinct. However, both organizations ban together whenever they have a common interest.

C. People To Free The Panthers

On October 14, 1969, the "New Haven Register," a daily newspaper published at New Haven, Connecticut, carried an article in the Final Edition entitled "Panthers Say City Arrests Part of Plot" which set forth the following:

"An area captain of the Black Panther Party said today the arrest of New Haven Panthers in the

slaying last May of party member Alex Rackley 'is another incident in a nationwide campaign by local, state and federal police to destroy the Black Panther party.'

"Doug Miranda said the Panther response to this will be to continue their political organization work in New Haven while at the same time attempting to educate the people on the party program."

"Announced at a morning press conference was the formation of a new organization, People to Free the Panthers, which will carry out the educational campaign. The press conference was held in the community room of the SNETCO building at Dixwell Plaza.

"A spokesman for the group, said, 'We plan to bring the true facts of the Panther case to the people,' she said. 'Every two weeks we will publish a newsletter to tell people what they can't find out from the other newspaper.'

"She added the first newsletter will be distributed Wednesday. 'We will start with 20,000 copies and increase the number as time goes on,' she said.

On November 19, 1969, NH T-7 furnished the following BPP flier captioned "People To Free The Panthers:"

DEFENSE OF THE NEW HAVEN PANTHER 14

People from all over the New Haven community have come together to demand the release of the 14 jailed Black Panthers in Connecticut. The New Haven 14, which now includes Panther Party Chairman Bobby Seale, are being held without bail on a variety of charges, including murder and conspiracy to murder Alex Rackley. As it shapes up now, the defense effort outside the courtroom in the months before the trial will have two main goals: educational work in the New Haven community about the Panthers and the current persecution, and fund-raising for the defense. In order to carry out this work in as full a manner as possible, two groups have been set up: a more liberal and defense-oriented Coalition to Defend the Panthers, and a more radical and political People to Free the Panthers.

The Coalition to Defend the Panthers was launched at a news conference on October 1st, which got extensive press coverage in the New Haven area. The Coalition has five organizations from the Black community (Black Coalition; Justice, Order and Equality; Dixwell Legal Rights Association; Hill Parents Association, and Freedom Now), five from the student community (SDS, Student Health Organization, Yale Divinity School Association, Architect's Resistance, and the Science Action Group), two Black student organizations (Organization of Afro-American Students at Southern Connecticut State College, and the Yale Black Law Students), and three adult white groups (American Independent Movement, Coalition of Concerned Citizens, and the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom).

This Coalition will be broad enough to include people who do not necessarily agree with the whole Panther program, but who do believe in any case that the Panthers are being persecuted for their political beliefs. The main line of the Coalition in its educational work will be that the Panther case has received such prejudicial coverage in the press that a "fair trial" is impossible, and that therefore the Panthers should be freed immediately.

In its opening statement, the Coalition said, "The May 22 New Haven Register carried mug shots of arrested Panthers all across the front page as accompaniment to a highly inflammatory article in which several 'leaks' from police sources were cited to describe alleged evidence against the Panthers. The tone of this article and others, coupled with the dis-



closure of evidence which, if it exists at all, should only be introduced at the trial, is an attempt to violate the Panthers' constitutionally - guaranteed presumption of innocence and ensure conviction of the Panthers before the trial even begins. The Black Panther Party takes radical political positions, and members of the party, in violation of their constitutional rights, are on trial for those positions. The arrest of Bobby Seale, National Chairman of the Party, raises the possibility that this trial will become the Sacco and Vanzetti trial of the 1970's. It is this that the "Coalition seeks to avoid."

Since the Coalition is primarily middle-class, its main educating work will be aimed at middle-class groups and people. Plans call for a campaign in the community in which Coalition speakers will appear before any forum they can get: church groups, PTA's, reform organizations, neighborhood groups, and so on. Their first task will be to speak about the current persecution, and explain how the rights of the Panthers are being violated because of their radical political beliefs. They will then discuss and try to explain the Panther political program. Finally, they will ask groups either to join the Coalition or act in their own way to spread the word throughout the community about the Panthers. In each case, defense money will be asked for. It is hoped that whenever possible, Coalition spokesmen will be able to speak to groups they are most familiar with. For example, the Divinity students will be asked to speak to every church in New Haven.

The work of the Coalition is quite limited and strictly defensive in nature. The People to Free the Panthers, on the other hand, will be much more radical and directly political in its actions. This group, which will function under the leadership of the Panthers, is comprised of radicals who on the whole agree with the political program of the Panthers, and want to work not just to free the New Haven 14, but to advance the work of the Panthers and the movement in general. The makeup of this group is naturally quite dif-

ferent from that of the Coalition. The People to Free the Panthers is made up of movement people in New Haven, primarily members of the Panthers, SDS and the American Independent Movement.

While this group also plans to concentrate on education, it has chosen the white working class community and the student community in which to do its work. It plans to issue a newspaper-leaflet every one or two weeks, which in the beginning will be the focus of its educational work. 20 or 30 thousand copies will be printed. Some people will use the leaflets in organizing work, that they are already doing. Others will simply fan out to canvas door-to-door in white working class areas of New Haven. They will talk to people about the case and about the Panthers, and try to enlist their support.

On campus, the People to Free the Panthers have already held one teach-in and intend to carry on this work. Efforts will be made immediately to do educational work on the several community college campuses in the New Haven area as well as at Yale. Special concentration will be put on gaining the support of Black student groups on each campus.

While all this planning goes on, the Panther 14 remain in jail, being held without bail under miserable conditions. Worst of all, three of the sister Panthers being held are pregnant. Two of them are expecting their babies within two months. On an immediate level, this means that these women, who naturally need all the rest they can get, are spending sleepless nights in a Connecticut jail because the prison authorities deem it "necessary" to shine lights in their cells all night to ward off "outside threats."

What is even more horrendous is what will happen if the women are forced to have their babies while in jail. First of all, they will give birth under armed guards. Then, unless they have been able to make what the state regards as "suitable arrangements" for care of their children, their babies will be taken from them and put

into foster homes. Naturally it is rather difficult for these women to make "suitable arrangements" since they are not allowed any non-family visitors in jail. Finally, when the women are released from jail, the burden will be on them to prove that they are "qualified" to regain their own children.

The People to Free the Panthers are centering their first educational campaign around this atrocious situation. In a confrontation with state prison authorities, the group and one of the Panther lawyers, Catherine Korabach, asked if this situation was not particularly a violation of the women's rights in view of the fact that they have not yet been convicted of any crime. But the prison officials, when asked if they made any distinction between accused persons and convicted criminals, simply said "No". Obviously, as far as these and other officials are concerned, the Panthers are already considered guilty! And they do not plan to wait for the formality of a kangaroo trial before treating them as such.

Meanwhile, despite the fact that the busts last spring almost emptied the local Panther organization, the Party is now continuing its political activities. This means that although the Panthers are being forced to spend a great deal of time on defensive operations, they are determined not to let the current persecution keep them from their ongoing political work. At the time of the bust last May, the Panthers were about to start a New Haven Breakfast Program. When the police attacked Panther headquarters, they "confiscated" the money the Party had already collected for this purpose. On October 8th, after having to build again from scratch, the Panthers launched their Breakfast Program, and expect to expand it rapidly in the future. In general, the Panthers are working in the several Black communities in New Haven, getting the word out to the people. As part of their program, they are also working with a group of people fighting lead poisoning, and with a local welfare mothers group. More information on Party activity in New Haven will be covered in a future article.

PEOPLE TO FREE THE PANTHERS

Is a group of people who realize the political nature of the present case against the Chairman of the Black Panther Party, Bobby Seale and the 14 other members of the Party imprisoned in Connecticut. We support the political program of the Panthers, and want to work not only to Free the Panthers, but to advance the work of the Black Panther Party and the Movement in general. Our plans include the regular publication of the newsletter "RIGHT ON"; leafleting the white working class community, factories, and colleges and high schools, with other activities like films, demonstrations and rallies to support the NEW HAVEN PANTHERS. PEOPLE TO FREE THE PANTHERS meets at 10:00 AM every Sunday at 148 Orange Street, New Haven. JOIN US!

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

D. Human Relations Council

On October 20, 1969, the "New Haven Register," a daily newspaper published at New Haven, Connecticut, contained in part an article captioned "Human Relations Unit Hits Handling Of Panther Case:"

"The Human Relations Council of Greater New Haven today issued a statement in which it warns New Haven citizens to consider seriously the implications of the arrests of the Black Panthers.

"The council pointed out 'two dangerous elements of this arrest and the factors surrounding it' which, it said, must be considered by everyone in the area.

"They are, 'the pre-trial publicity which seriously jeopardizes the possibility of a fair trial; and the emotionalism about the Black Panthers, which is being used as an excuse to undermine the entire movement toward racial justice and equality.'

"The council also believes that, 'All too many people are using their feelings about the Black Panthers as an excuse for copping out of this country's responsibility to provide freedom and justice for all people.'

"The council said that in this time of backlash it is even more essential that 'we redouble our efforts to create a just society in the United States. No lurid headlines can alter this responsibility.'

E. Black Panther Party Arrests

On October 13, 1969, NH T-9 advised that three members of the Black Panther Party in Hartford, Connecticut, were arrested by the Hartford, Connecticut, Police Department, for Breach of Peace, Resisting Arrest, and Interference with Police on October 11, 1969. The three were ROBERT L. WHITE, LINDA HOLDER, and DOLORES BURNEY.

Source stated it was necessary to obtain bond money from the New Haven Chapter of the BPP for the release of the three panthers arrested.

Chief Inspector STEPHEN AHERN, New Haven, Connecticut, Police Department, on November 12, 1969, advised that at 5:45 p.m. on November 11, 1969, Patrolman V. CARFORA of the New Haven Police Department, while on normal patrol in the Hill section of New Haven, observed a group of Negroes pasting Black Panther Party posters on the Six Corner Bakery on Columbus Avenue, New Haven. Officer CARFORA stopped his cruiser and asked ELISE BROWN what she was doing. She replied she had permission from the owner of the store to put up the posters.

On November 12, 1969, NH T-3 advised that ELISE BROWN, a Negro female, is a member of the Black Panther Party. She has participated in several Black Panther Party rallies and other Black Panther activities.

Officer CARFORA summoned Sergeant A. JONES by radio. Officer CARFORA again addressed ELISE BROWN, who asked if she were under arrest. Officer CARFORA said she was not but that he had called his Sergeant to talk with her. She responded with several derogatory and vulgar remarks toward police officers in general, at which time Officer CARFORA placed her under arrest for Abusing a Police Officer. A patrol wagon was called to the scene and BROWN was placed in the patrol wagon after a brief struggle during which she yelled, "Free the Black Panthers" and "More power to the people." Additional charges of Resisting Arrest and Breach of Peace were lodged against ELISE BROWN later.

By this time, a large group of Negroes had gathered in the area and Sergeant JONES, Officer CARFORA and several additional officers started to disperse the crowd.

During this time, Officer CARFORA received scratches on his face by a juvenile Negro female who was placed under arrest for Breach of Peace, Abusing a Police Officer, and Resisting Arrest. Also, Officer L. PASTORE was kicked in the leg and Officer W. ROLAND was hit in the head with a bottle. Officer ROLAND was treated

at St. Raphael's Hospital in New Haven, and released.

Also arrested on charges of Breach of Peace, Resisting Arrest, and Abusing a Police Officer, were EUGENE BURRUS, a Negro male, age 18, of 280 Portsea Street, New Haven, and ELBERT ROSS, a Negro male, age 17, of 165 Dewitt Street, who were in the crowd that had gathered.

Chief Inspector AHERN advised that after patrol units left the area, calm prevailed and there were no further incidents.

F. Black Panther Party Films

On October 23, 1969, NH T-3 advised that the BPP in New Haven, Connecticut, was attempting to obtain revolutionary films "May Day", "On Strike", "Wilmington", and "Off the Pig." Source stated that CAPPY PINDERHUGHES was attempting to purchase these films through Newsreel in Boston, Massachusetts.

CAPPY PINDERHUGHES has been identified as a member of the BPP originally from Boston, Massachusetts, presently active in New Haven, Connecticut. PINDERHUGHES reportedly is Lieutenant of Information for the BPP in New Haven.

(NH T-3 on 10/23/69)

On October 31, 1969, NH T-14 advised that the BPP in New Haven was attempting to obtain copies of two revolutionary films, namely "Off the Pig" and "Wilmington" from New York Newsreel for \$68.

On November 18, 1969, NH T-9 advised that on that date he observed two films in BPP Headquarters, 35 Sylvan Avenue, New Haven. Source stated he was not able to determine the titles of these films but stated that they were for the benefit of the BPP and were described as "revolutionary in nature."

II. TRAVEL OF BLACK PANTHER PARTY LEADERSHIP

On October 14, 1969, NH T-3 advised that the following known members of the BPP originally from New York City are presently active in BPP activities in the New Haven area:

JACOB BETHEA
ROSCOE LEE
HENRY MITCHELL, also known as Sonny Mitchell
ELIZABETH MITCHELL, nee Bragg
RONNIE TYSON
AMON FREDERICK BENNETT
VERNON MILLER

NH T-3 also advised that an attorney named ARTHUR F. TURCO has been involved in defense plans concerning the Connecticut 15, but that TURCO is not known to be in New Haven on a permanent basis.

NH T-3 also advised that the following members of the BPP from Boston, Massachusetts, are presently in New Haven or have been within the past two months active in BPP activities:

DOUGLAS MIRANDA, Captain, BPP, Boston
JUDY LEE
VERNA HAMPTON
DOUGLAS FAUNTEROY
WILLIAM JACKSON
JOHN L. CHEATHAM
DAVID QUICK
CHARLES "CAPPY" PINDERHUGHES

On October 21, 1969, NH T-15 advised that SAM NAPIER of the Publications Section of the BPP at National Headquarters had been in New Haven during the weekend of October 25-26, 1969. Source stated that the purpose of NAPIER's visit to New Haven was unknown.

NH T-14 advised that SAM NAPIER would be traveling to New Haven with several copies of the Black Panther magazine. NAPIER is attempting to straighten out the finances related to the selling of the Black Panther magazine on the east coast.

On October 20, 1969, same source advised that NAPIER had returned to San Francisco on October 20, 1969, and was again working at BPP Headquarters in Berkeley, California.

On November 10, 1969, NH T-3 advised that the infant son of ARTIE and BOBBY SEALE had arrived in New Haven by train from Philadelphia. MALIK SEALE was turned over to BELVA NEWSOM and is residing at BPP Headquarters, 35 Sylvan Avenue, New Haven. NEWSOM, a known member of the BPP, is referring to MALIK as "her child."

On November 21, 1969, NH T-9 advised that he had observed a three year old Negro male residing at BPP Headquarters, New Haven, on November 20, 1969.

On November 21, 1969, NH T-3 advised that ROOSEVELT JUNE HILLIARD and "MASAI" HEWITT were observed in New Haven, Connecticut, on the night of November 20, 1969.

III. TRIAL OF THE "CONNECTICUT 14"

The following courthouse procedures for the "Connecticut 14" who are presently under indictment and soon to be tried in New Haven were set forth by Judge AARON PALMER on November 7, 1969, and are set forth in part as follows:

"The Constitution of the United States and the State of Connecticut guarantees defendants in criminal cases due process of law and the right to a fair trial by an impartial jury. It is the duty of the trial court to see that every defendant receives all of his constitutional rights.

"From the national attention attracted to this case resulting in extensive publicity in the news media and based upon the affidavit and leaflet attached hereto, the court is of the opinion that the following rules are necessary to a constitutionally guaranteed, orderly and fair trial by an impartial jury, and therefore orders...all entrance ways, corridors and approaches to courtrooms, offices and other rooms in the Courthouse will be kept clear at all times for free access thereto by those using them in the course of their employment or those having business to transact therein. No cameras, photographic, television, radio or sound equipment, including tap recorders, will be permitted in the Courthouse...no sketches will be made in the Courthouse...all persons seeking admission to the courtroom will submit voluntarily to a check of his or her person before being admitted...and shall be no demonstrations, pickets, parades or the like in the Courthouse, or within five hundred feet in any direction of the Courthouse from this date forward until such time as a verdict in these cases is returned in open court."

On November 10, 1969, the "New Haven Register", a daily newspaper published at New Haven, Connecticut, contained in part the following captioned article "MARKLE Turns Down Meeting on Panthers":

"State's Atty. Arnold Markle today refused to meet with a local group seeking release on bail or recognizance of the 12 Black Panther party members charged here with murder.

"In an early morning confrontation at his office in the State Courthouse, Markle said he was barred from talking with the group and cited Superior Court Judge AARON PALMER's recently issued order against pre-trial statements by those involved in the case...

"Over the weekend, the group reportedly received a telegram from Markle in which he declined to meet with them. Last Friday, Markle said he knew the group was coming to his office and he couldn't stop them from coming."

On November 22, 1969, NH T-9 advised that a rally was conducted on November 22, 1969, at New Haven, Connecticut. Source stated that approximately 2500 persons attended this rally. The source stated that this rally was co-sponsored by the BPP and the Women's Liberation Movement, several chapters on the East Coast. The purpose of the rally was to cause a confrontation with the New Haven Police over restrictions concerning rallies within 500 feet of the State Courthouse, Church and Elm Streets, New Haven, Connecticut, where preliminary hearings are presently going on concerning the "Connecticut 14" trial.

On November 23, 1969, the "New Haven Register" contained an article captioned "Panthers Vocal, Peaceful":

"Black Panthers and sympathizers demonstrated in downtown New Haven Saturday afternoon in support of 14 Panthers being held here on murder, kidnaping and conspiracy charges.

"The demonstration resulted in snarled traffic, closing off of downtown streets and re-routing of traffic during a three-hour period.

"The group was representatives of five Northeast states - Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. It was protesting the imprisonment of the Panthers, 'unjust treatment of women' being held in connection with the investigation and restrictions set through a court-order on a bail hearing for five of the 14.

"The crowd at its height was estimated to be 2,00 to 2,500.

"Supporters of the party began assembling at Beaver Pond Park shortly after 10 a.m. By noon, roughly 300 persons had assembled and within the next hour busloads of young people had arrived from the five-state region to swell the ranks.

"At about 1:30, the group began a march down Goffe Street to Broadway and then into the downtown area. Police had hoped to contain the marchers in one lane of traffic but the lines swelled to such proportions that entire roadways leading into the city were closed off.

"The group reportedly was to march directly to the Green where the demonstration was to be held. One leader, however, just prior to the start of the march, said that the route still hadn't been ironed out.

"The demonstrators paraded down Elm Street to College Street, where the march halted for several minutes. The marchers then turned into College Street, blocked the entire intersection of College and Chapel, and continued on down until they turned into Church Street.

"They then marched up to Elm Street, where a rally was held in front of the Superior Court building. The entire downtown area at one point or another was sealed off to incoming traffic and police detoured vehicles onto other routes.

"The marchers stopped midway through key intersections throughout their route of travel and traffic was tied up for blocks. None of the marchers appeared to know exactly where they were heading and this apparently was left to the discretion of the leaders.

"Police cruisers escorted the marchers into the city and other officers were stationed at key intersections to block off traffic and allow the marchers to pass.

"Long Walk Back

"A speaking program in front of the courthouse lasted for approximately an hour and then the throng broke up into smaller groups and walked back to Beaver Pond Park. The return walk was confined mainly to the sidewalks and by 5 p.m. most of the demonstrators had arrived at their respective businesses.

"Three Black Panther party members spoke in front of the court building and their talks were confined generally to the 'frame-up' of the 14 Panthers, poor treatment of women being held in the case (two of whom are pregnant while a third had her baby last week) and demands to freedom of the Panthers and all 'political prisoners.'

"The speakers attacked the news media, large corporations, police and the power structure in general and the government. They also decried the lack of good housing, education, food and clothing for 'poor people.'

"Throughout the march, protestors chanted 'Free our sisters, free ourselves, power to the people.' The speaking program and chanting through the course of the march was occasionally studded with foul language.

"Predominantly White

"The marchers were predominantly white and in large part teen-aged girls. A large number of representatives of Black Panther chapters in the five-state region were also on hand as well as many black supporters of the defendants.

"The demonstration was sponsored by the national Black Panther Party and the Women's Liberation. Persons representing these groups as well as the Panther Defense Fund and the Stony Brook Chapter of the Students for a Democratic Society passed out leaflets, sold the Panther newspaper and sought contributions for the legal defense of the 14 Panthers.

"There were no arrests or serious incidents reported by police in connection with the demonstration."

IV. BPP BREAKFAST PROGRAM

On October 15, 1969, the "New Haven Journal Courier", a morning newspaper published at New Haven, contained an article captioned "Newhallville Approves Black Panther Breakfasts":

"The United Newhallville Organizations (UNO), the neighborhood's community council, voted Tuesday night to permit the Black Panther party to run its children's breakfast program in the Newhallville Teen Center.

"The vote, which was by secret ballot, was 53-22 in favor of the program. It was taken at the monthly meeting of UNO, which was held at the teen center, 179 Shelton Ave.

"Prior to the vote, several UNO members expressed misgivings about the program, but there were also strong statements of support.

"The meeting room at the center was filled almost to overflowing, indicating that the Panthers' program might stir controversy. The discussion, however, was calm and relatively brief.

"Joel Brown, a Panther member and one of the organizers of the breakfast program, said it had been underway there for five days, and that 'we've fed about 180 children.'

"He said that the goal of the party is to feed 70 to 100 children at the center and to set up similar programs in the Hill, Dixwell and Dwight areas.

"According to Brown, the food and funds for the program, 'are gathered from different merchants in the community.' He also said that the party provides transportation to the center for children who need it.

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"In response to questions about whether there were 'classes' or indoctrination during breakfast, Brown said there were not.

"He was supported in this assertion by Robert Sams, Jr., vice president of UNO, and other UNO members who said they had been present at earlier breakfast."

On October 16, 1969, and October 30, 1969, NH T-7 furnished the following BPP flyers pertaining to the BPP breakfast program in New Haven, Connecticut.

John Huggins Memorial Free Breakfast for Children Program



HUEY P. NEWTON



Site: NEWHALLVILLE TEEN LOUNGE
179 SHELTON AVE.

Time: 7:00-8:30 A.M.
MONDAY-FRIDAY

FOR TRANSPORTATION CONTACT
NEWHALLVILLE TEEN LOUNGE
TEL. 777-5341
BETWEEN 6:30-8:00 A.M.
MON-FRI

DONATIONS OF FOOD, UTENSILS,
TIME, AND FINANCES ARE NEEDED

FOR TOO LONG OUR CHILDREN
HAVE GONE HUNGRY

John Huggins (Feb. 11, 1945-Jan. 17, 1969) was a New Haven born member of the Black Panther Party. He was killed in Calif. by fools because he believed in feeding hungry children free breakfast. The free breakfast for children program's purpose is to feed hungry children each school morning. A free hot breakfast is served to each child before he goes to school. It is a socialistic program designed to help all people not just a "chosen few". This like the world belongs to the people to use and develop to serve their needs and desires. To make "all power to the people" a reality.

BLACK PANTHER PARTY
NEW HAVEN BRANCH
35 SYLVAN AVE.
TEL. 562-7463

All Love to Our Children

SUPPORT THE

FREE BREAKFAST FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM

GIVEN BY THE
BLACK PANTHER PARTY

SITE: NEWMALLVILLE TEEN LOUNGE
179 SHELTON AVENUE

TIME: 7:00-8:00 a.m.
MONDAY-FRIDAY

TEL. FOR TRANSPORTATION
BETWEEN 6:30-8:30 A.M.
MON.-FRI.

FOR TOO LONG OUR CHILDREN
HAVE GONE HUNGRY

"ALL LOVE TO OUR CHILDREN"

THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY HAS STARTED THE FREE BREAKFAST FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM AT THE NEWMALLVILLE TEEN LOUNGE. THE RESPONSE TO THE PROGRAM IS EXCELLENT AN THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WE FEED EACH MORNING IS GROWING. EACH MORNING A HEALTHY FREE HOT BREAKFAST IS SERVED TO THE CHILDREN. BUT THE FUTURE OF THE FREE BREAKFAST PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN IS STILL SHAKY. ON TUES. NIGHT, OCTOBER 14, 1969 at 7:45 P.M. THE UNO EXECUTIVE BOARD WILL MEET TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT THE FREE BREAKFAST PROGRAM CAN CONTINUE IN THE NEWMALLVILLE TEEN LOUNGE. THE FREE BREAKFAST FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM IS THE COMMUNITY'S PROGRAM. IF YOU (THE COMMUNITY) DO CARE ABOUT THIS PROGRAM YOUR PRESENCE AT THE UNO EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING IS NEEDED. THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE NEWMALLVILLE TEEN LOUNGE TUESDAY AT 7:45 P.M. BOTH ADULTS AND TEENAGERS SHOULD ATTEND.

DONATIONS OF FOOD, UTENSILS
FINANCES AND TIME ARE NEEDED

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
FOR INFORMATION CONTACT
BLACK PANTHER PARTY
TEL. 562-7463

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V. BPP - FUNDS

On October 23, 1969, NH T-12 advised the BPP in New Haven, Connecticut, had established a "Connecticut Panthers Defense Fund" and was utilizing Post Office Box 7117 in New Haven, Connecticut, for this purpose.

On October 22, 1969, NH T-16 advised that the BPP New Haven had purchased a money order in the amount of \$300 and sent same to the BPP in San Francisco, California.

On October 29, 1969, NH T-16 advised that the BPP New Haven, Connecticut, had purchased a money order and had addressed same to "Black Panther National Distribution, 1336 Filmore, San Francisco, California, Attention Sam Napier."

NH T-16 further advised that the BPP in New Haven has furnished money to the National BPP on the following dates and amounts:

November 5, 1969	\$37.00
November 5, 1969	\$230.00
November 5, 1969	\$104.00

VI. INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

On November 11, 1969, NH T-3 advised that ELDRIDGE CLEAVER has been in contact with the North Vietnamese officials who advised him that they are willing to release United States prisoners in exchange for the release in the United States of HUEY P. NEWTON and BOBBY SEALE, BPP National leaders presently incarcerated. The source stated that the number of United States prisoners that the North Vietnamese are willing to release is unknown. The source stated that a BPP rally would be held on 12:00 noon, November 12, 1969, to announce the above information.

On November 12, 1969, NH T-7 furnished the following BPP flyers concerning the above-mentioned matter:

PILOTS • FOR PANTHERS

PEOPLE'S RALLY

TO ANNOUNCE THE ACTION TO BE TAKEN ON NOVEMBER 15, 1969 IN
REGARDS TO THE FREEDOM OF POLITICAL PRISONERS IN AMERICA
HUEY P. NEWTON, MINISTER OF DEFENSE - BLACK PANTHER PARTY
AND BOBBY SEALE, CHAIRMAN - BLACK PANTHER PARTY, IN EXCHANGE
FOR AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR BEING HELD IN VIETNAM.

NOON

wed

NOV.12

AT: West Portsea St.

BETWEEN THE HILL ARTS COOP AND THE HILL NEIGHBORHOOD CORP

SPEAKERS:

DOUG MIRANDA

AREA CAPTAIN OF THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY

HENRY MITCHELL

FIELD LIEUTENANT OF THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY

SELF-DETERMINATION

LAND - BREAD - HOUSING - EDUCATION - CLOTHING - JUSTICE AND PEACE

FOR THE WORLD

Black people should strongly support the demand for immediate withdrawal of all U.S. troops from Vietnam and should support the Moratorium actions, but Black people should understand that there is no unity of will between Black people and the leadership of the New Mobilization because the New Mobilization has either failed to see or does not want to see the importance of Black people's just struggle or its direct relationship with the struggle of the Vietnamese people. We Black people clearly understand that the best "CARE package" that we can send to the Vietnamese people is our continued and intensified resistance to the fascist repression from the same enemy here in America.

We demand that the Peace Movement, and in particular the New Mobilization Committee select one or two of its responsible representatives to take the place of Rennie Davis and Dave Dellinger, who are prohibited by the fascist U.S. power structure from taking an active part in the exchange of political prisoners Huey P. Newton and Bobby Seale for American prisoners of war now being held in Vietnam. The Vietnamese people are ready to deal, all we need are trustworthy people. The selected representative will proceed to Hanoi where negotiations will be carried out under the supervision of our Minister of Information, Eldridge Cleaver, to insure that the proceeding would be agreeable to the progressive sectors, both Black and white, of the American society.

That a massive international action be held to protest the Sato Nixon meeting to solidify Japan's role as a springboard for further imperialist aggression on the continent of Asia, and in particular, in Vietnam, Laos and Korea, that the CPUSA and the New Mobilization and other progressive forces contact the CP and other fraternal anti-war organizations in Japan to plan a series of international demonstrations for this purpose.

That the CPUSA address themselves to enlisting massive active support from the Soviet Union for the Vietnamese people in particular and the National Liberation struggles of the world in general. This must also include active and meaningful support of the liberation struggle of Black people in America."

VII. BPP - FIREARMS

On October 19, 1969, NH T-9 advised that the BPP, New Haven, intended to ship some guns to Boston, Massachusetts, sometime after sundown on that date. The source stated that he had seen a list of 21 guns including two Thompson sub-machine guns which were to be transported. He also advised that two Panthers were observed standing in front of BPP Headquarters, 35 Sylvan Avenue, New Haven, Connecticut, carrying pump shotguns in the early morning hours of October 19, 1969. Source stated that the purpose of this show of force was unknown.

On October 24, 1969, NH T-17, advised that [redacted], a known leader of the BPP in Boston, departed Boston on October 23, 1969. [redacted] reportedly was to travel to Canada to pick up some dynamite and then to proceed to New Haven, Connecticut, where he was to meet DOUGLAS MIRANDA, Area Captain for the BPP, presently active in New Haven, Connecticut.

On October 25, 1969, NH T-17 advised that [redacted] traveled to New Haven, Connecticut, with a case of dynamite.

On October 29, 1969, NH T-9 advised that a BPP member obtained a "load of guns from Mexico" and that these guns are now in Boston. The source stated that a portion of these guns were eventually to be transported to the BPP in Hartford, Connecticut.

On November 4, 1969, NH T-9 advised that the BPP in Hartford obtained 50 30-30 carbines from an unknown source. NH T-9 stated that three members of the BPP in Hartford reportedly sold 10 of these guns to an unknown member of the BPP from Boston and met them in East Hartford, Connecticut, on the afternoon of November 3, 1969. The source stated that [redacted] a known member of the BPP, Hartford, received \$125 for 10 of these guns.

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The source also advised that some of these guns had been sent to the BPP, New Haven, and that the rest are still somewhere in Hartford, Connecticut.

On November 8, 1969, NH T-3 advised that no information has come to his attention to verify the fact that the BPP is presently in possession of guns. The source stated that the BPP may have guns in New Haven, but they are not being kept at party headquarters at 35 Sylvan Avenue, New Haven, Connecticut.

The source further advised that his department has been unable to verify information concerning firearms in the possession of the BPP in New Haven, Connecticut.

VIII. BPP Rallies and Demonstrations

A. Olin-Mathieson Strike

On November 6, 1969, a Workers' Rally was conducted along the picket lines in front of Olin-Mathieson - Winchester, New Haven, Connecticut. Present at this rally were several known members of the BPP in Connecticut.

There follows an FD 302 pertaining to this rally:

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date November 8, 1969

On October 23, 1969, DOUGLAS P. MIRANDA and CHARLES "CAPPY" PINDERHUGHES engaged in a conversation with Special Agent LEWIS W. HYDEN, II, in the hallways of the United States District Court. During the conversation, MIRANDA stated that on that date, they, meaning PINDERHUGHES and he, had been working with the "people," manning the picket lines in front of Olin Mathieson-Winchester, the employees of which have been out on strike for several weeks. MIRANDA said that they had been organizing an "American Liberation Party," and that the working class would make up this party.

On 10/23/69 at New Haven, Connecticut File # 100-19186-1720
by SA LEWIS W. HYDEN, II/dpn Date dictated 10/3/69

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B. BPP Rallies in Behalf of BOBBY SEALE

On November 3, 4 and 6, 1969, BPP rallies to "protest the treatment of Bobby Seale" were conducted in front of the State Courthouse, Church and Elm Streets, New Haven, Connecticut. Approximately 50 persons took part in these rallies, mostly members of the BPP in New Haven and members of the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS).

On the following page is a BPP flyer pertaining to the rally conducted on November 3, 1969:

PROTEST THE TREATMENT OF BOBBY SEALE

CHAIRMAN, BLACK PANTHER PARTY

BOBBY SEALE HAS BEEN CHAINED AND GAGGED IN A KANGAROO COURT IN CHICAGO FOR DEMANDING HIS CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS. JUDGE HOFFMAN HAS REFUSED HIM CHOICE OF A LAWYER AND ALSO HAS REFUSED HIM THE RIGHT TO CROSS EXAMINE WITNESSES SINCE HE MUST BE HIS OWN LAWYER. HELP US PROTEST THIS CRUEL AND UNUSUAL PUNISHMENT OF CHAIRMAN BOBBY. JOIN US!

at 9:30 am STATE COURT
MON. NOV. 3 HOUSE

ELDRIDGE CLEAVER ON POLITICAL PRISONERS

I think that the purposed exchange of prisoners between the government of the United States and the Vietnamese people is a valid purposal, and it's justified on several grounds. Primarily, it's justified on the grounds of international proletarian solidarity. Because on the one hand, the United States government is waging a genocidal war of aggression against the Vietnamese people, and on the other hand waging a war, a similar type war with different means, against Black people in the United States. So that both the Vietnamese people and Black people in the United States are oppressed by the same enemy. And they have this in common, and they're totally justified in co-operating on all levels, not only to bring the war to an end in Vietnam, but also to relieve the oppression in both areas, and to go even beyond that to the total elimination of the entities that are practicing and perpetuating this

aggression. I don't think that any one can lock upon this purposed exchange of prisoners as a gimmick or as a sham. Because we've always known that we are at war with the system that exists in the United States that has been oppressing us for 400 years. And Huey P. Newton and Bobby Seale are both political prisoners. Huey Newton is the leader of the Black Panther Party, and he was leading the struggle of Black people in Oakland, California against the oppression of the government in Oakland, California. And he was framed and sent to prison specifically because of his political activities. So that no one can question whether or not he is a political prisoner, and certainly no one can question whether or not Bobby Seale is a political prisoner. He was very active in organizing demonstrations and protest against the war in Vietnam, and very active in organizing resistance to the oppression of

Black people in the United States. And certainly the American soldiers who are held captive in Vietnam, are victims of the vicious political system in the United States. Which drafts them against their will, and forces them with the alternative of going to prison, if they don't go to Vietnam to fight for the fascist and imperialistic U.S. government.

So I think that it's a very healthy sign that we are able to get the cooperation of the Vietnamese people in this effort, and it's very good that we are in position to work with them on this level. I've found the Vietnamese people and I've talked to them in many countries, their representatives; I've found them to be very warm and humane people whose primary concern is in communicating with the American people, over the head or beyond the head of the American

government. They want to make it known that they're interested in stopping the slaughter of their people, and that they have no interest in perpetuating these hostilities. It's only the United States government that has an interest in perpetuating the slaughter that's going

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date November 7, 19691

A rally to protest the treatment of **BOBBY GEORGE SEALE** was held in front of the Superior Court, New Haven, Connecticut, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

A picket line consisting of approximately fifty persons paraded back and forth in front of the court building. The picket line was lead by **DOUGLAS P. MIRANDA**, who spoke on a megaphone regarding the trial of **SEALE** in Chicago.

The megaphone was later taken by **ROSCOE LEE** who lead the group in chants calling for "people power," "student power", "worker power", and so forth.

DOUGLAS MIRANDA remained on the steps of the court building for approximately twenty minutes following the conclusion of the demonstration with five other demonstrators. During this time, **MIRANDA** talked with a white male with a tape recorder.

MIRANDA and five others departed in a brown Oldsmobile station wagon at approximately 12:00 noon.

Photographs of the demonstration were taken.

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On 11/3/69 at New Haven, Conn. File # NH 157-1316, 157-1356
SA LEWIS W. HYDEN, II / pas:jfp
by SA WILLIAM A. GILLEN Date dictated 11/6/69

C. BPP - Welfare Demonstration

On October 9, 1969, a demonstration was held in front of the City Hall building, New Haven, Connecticut, in support of welfare mothers demanding additional welfare funds.

This demonstration, which was observed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, consisted of approximately 58 individuals, both white and Negro, which group was predominantly white. Among those in the demonstration the following individuals were recognized: JACOB BETHEA, JOEL BROWN, ROSCOE LEE, JOSEPH WASHINGTON, DOUGLAS P. MIRANDA, ELISE BROWN, VERNON O. MILLER, JR., RONALD RYSON, CLARENCE MELVIN JOHNSON and VERNAN HAMPTON.

On October 9, 1969, NH T-3 advised that the above individuals were either members of the Black Panther Party (BPP) or actively supported the BPP.

The demonstration lasted from approximately 10:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

D. BPP - Moratorium Demonstration

On October 15, 1969, a moratorium demonstration was held from 12:00 noon to approximately 2:15 p.m. Several members of the BPP were observed at this demonstration; however, none actively participated in the demonstration as they were more concerned with the selling of the latest issue of "The Black Panther."

IX. THE BPP AND OTHER MILITANT ORGANIZATIONS

A. Communist Party

On August 4, 1969, NH T-18 advised that on July 27, 1969, a meeting of the Connecticut State Communist Party (CP) was held at 37 Howe Street, New Haven, Connecticut, from 1:00 until 3:45 p.m.

At this meeting it was announced that they had 16 more people join the union of hospital workers and that this was made possible because the hospital workers who were members of the BPP had seen the need to join the union. It was announced that additional recruitment of members is to be expected through the efforts of the Black Panthers.

On September 24, 1969, NH T-18 advised that on Monday, September 22, 1969, a monthly meeting of the Bridgeport PC club was held at 90 Jennings Avenue, Bridgeport, Connecticut. At this meeting, it was announced that the CP was anxious to get some financial help for the Black Panthers. The trial of the Panthers is coming up soon and the Black Coalition is working to raise money in New Haven. It was also announced that the Bridgeport CP Club was to help in any way possible even though they had already given three months dues to the Panthers. It was announced that CHARLES HIGHTOWER, a writer for the "Daily World", had been sent from New York to New Haven to do an article on the Black Panthers.

The "Daily World" is an East Coast Communist Newspaper.

On October 8, 1969, the "Daily World" contained an article captioned "CP Calls for Defense of Reaction's Victims":

"The Communist Party national committee has initiated a nationwide effort for expanding the defense of citizens of reaction.

"The first step undertaken at the first meeting of the new national committee elected at the CP's 19th convention was marked by adoption of a report by Charlene Mitchell, secretary of the party's black liberation commission.

"The offensive of reaction has been stepped up, the number of victims grows daily.' Miss Mitchell told the national committee. 'We have every confidence that resistance to repression and reaction will grow.'

"The judiciary, from the local to the federal level, and the executive branch of government, not only condone the repression but give leadership in developing the means of repression.

"Every divisive weapon has been used to isolate the black liberation movement from potential allies and to prepare for a racist repressive onslaught against the black community.

"This offensive by the reactionary state apparatus, from the Nixon Administration down, has affected white communities throughout the country. A reactionary philosophy of backlash has brought to the fore racist reaction to the demands of the 'black people.'

"Reaction to this drive has been uneven, often sporadic and apathetic, Miss Mitchell said.

'This is true not only in liberal circles but in the Left movement generally, and to some extent even in our own Party.'

B. The Coalition for the Defense of the Black Panthers

On October 1, 1969, NH T-3 advised that a press conference was held on October 1, 1969, at the Dixwell Community House, 98 Dixwell Avenue, New Haven, Connecticut. A spokesman for this group stated at this time a new coalition is being formed under the name "Coalition to Defend the Panthers" consisting of 14 different groups already assembled in the New Haven area. The source stated that also present at this press conference was DOUGLAS MIRANDA, Black Panther captain from Boston. MIRANDA stated the Black Panthers were not getting a fair shake, bad publicity and deliberate harassment by the police department... The two major goals of this coalition are to "counteract the prejudicial publicity against the Panthers by educating New Haven citizens about the Panthers' positive community programs, and about the legal rights which they must receive to have a fair trial", and to raise money for the legal defense of the Panthers and to carry on the work of the coalition in the Panthers' behalf.

"That growth will not be spontaneous,' however, she cautioned.

"The program of activities which she proposed was approved by the national committee. It included setting up a special party committee on the issue of defense; support for an 'ad hoc national emergency defense committee based on the broadest public appeal;' participation in the building of local defense committees around specific cases; support for cases that have national significance and inclusion of the struggle against repression in all of the party's political campaigns.

"Panthers' case stressed

"While the party must participate in the 'defense of all those who are victims,' Miss Mitchell said, the 'national focus' should be 'the defense of the Black Panther Party and its leadership.'

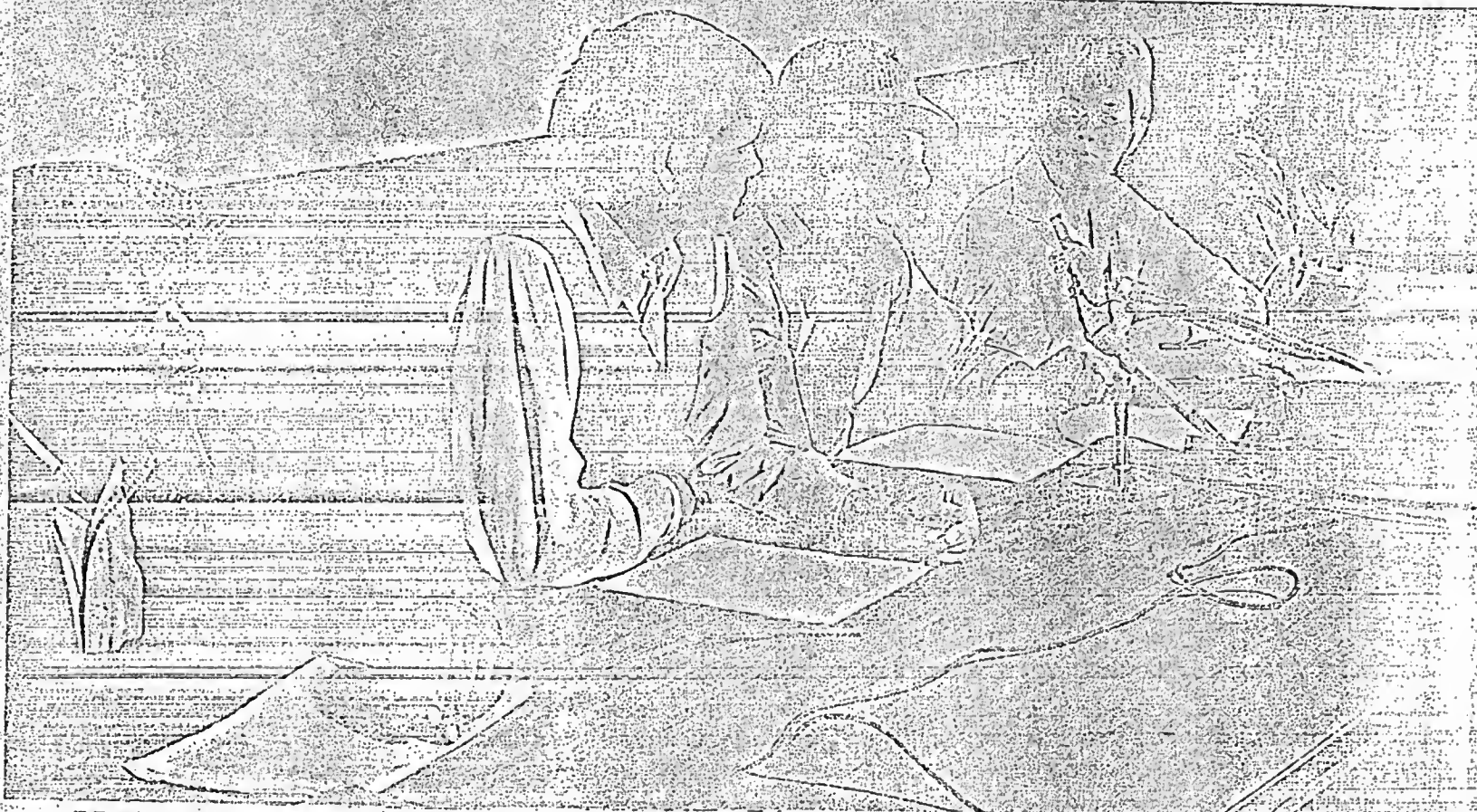
"She cited the 'vindictive, conspiratorial kidnapping and rearrest' of Bobby Seale, Panther chairman.

"If reaction succeeds in destroying the Panthers, the whole anti-imperialist and pro-democratic movement will be in jeopardy,' she said.

"The whole state apparatus is increasingly used to crush the black liberation struggle. The FBI and local police departments maintain a conspiratorial interstate cooperation; police in one city arrest and hold people without charge to find if any other city or state has reason to request extradition.

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NEW HAVEN COALITION TO SUPPORT B.P.P.



PRESS CONFERENCE: FROM LEFT TO RIGHT HENRY MITCHEL, CHRIS WILSON, DOUG MIRAN, CASLE EISENMAN AND ROBERT WEP

On November 4, 1969, NE T-3 advised that approximately 80 persons, students and non-students, members and sympathizers of Yale SDS occupied the office of the personnel supervisor during the afternoon and evening of November 3, 1969. The source stated that this takeover was triggered by the firing of an employee who was dismissed last week. Among the non-students were four members of the BPP, New Haven, including DOUGLAS MIRANDA, State Captain. The source stated that when the students showed signs of relenting after being threatened with administrative action, MIRANDA exhorted the group to stay all night if necessary and force confrontation. The student group left the building over the protest of MIRANDA.

D. Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF)

The WILPF has its national headquarters at Jane Addams House, 2006 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where its monthly paper, "Four Light," is published. Its legislative office is at 120 Maryland Avenue, NE, Washington, D.C. International Headquarters is in Geneva. The International meets every three years. It conducts summer schools, peace congresses and publishes its magazine, PAX.

It is an international, interracial organization striving for peace and freedom by nonviolent democratic methods. It was founded in 1915, during the first World War, and its first president, JANE ADDAMS, was the first American woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize.

It keeps its membership informed on current problems through its legislative office in Washington. It issues its own pamphlets, study kits, fact sheets, and cooperates with like-minded organizations. WILPF has consultative status at the United Nations on a national and international level.

WILPF through its local branches, sponsors public discussion on such topics as disarmament and world law, nuclear testing, civil defense, Berlin, civil rights, etc. Through its peace Action Committee, WILPF initiates peace walks, vigils, and meetings, as an organization and with other peace groups. Peace education for children is a special concern of WILPF.

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The WILPF had a supper meeting held at the home of GEORGE and ROSE BRUNSWICK. The speaker was Mrs. SANDLER from Chappaqua, who spoke on her trip to South America and Cuba. This was held on September 20, 1969.

A letter was received asking WILPF to give their support to a movement asking that the Black Panthers on trial in New Haven be given a fair and just trial though they feel it impossible with the adverse news reports that have been given in the news media. This letter was signed by VIRGINIA SIMON, wife of I. I. SIMON. DAVE GOLDBERG put in a strong pitch that the group endorse the plea for a Panther trial that is fair.

APPENDIX

BLACK PANTHER PARTY, aka
Black Panther Party for Self-Defense

According to its official newspaper, the Black Panther Party (BPP) was started during December, 1966, in Oakland, California, to organize black people so they can take control of the life, politics and the destiny of the black community. It was organized by BOBBY GEORGE SEALE, BPP Chairman, and HUEY P. NEWTON, BPP Minister of Defense. NEWTON is presently serving a sentence of two to fifteen years on a conviction of manslaughter in connection with the killing of an Oakland police officer.

The official newspaper, "The Black Panther," which further describes itself as the Black Community News Service," stated that the BPP advocates the use of guns and guerrilla tactics in its revolutionary program to end oppression of the black people. Residents of the black community are urged to arm themselves against the police who are consistently referred to in the publication as "pigs" who should be killed.

"The Black Panther" issue of September 7, 1968, contains an editorial by BPP Minister of Education, GEORGE MASON MURRAY which ends with the following:

"Black Men. Black people, colored persons of America, revolt everywhere! Arm yourselves. The only culture worth keeping is revolutionary culture. Change. Freedom everywhere. Dynamite! Black Power. Use the gun. Kill the pigs everywhere!"

Included in the introduction to an article appearing in the October 5, 1968, edition of "The Black Panther" is the statement, "...we will not dissent from American Government. We will overthrow it."

Issues of the "Black Panther" regularly contain quotations from the writings of Chairman MAO Tse-tung of the People's Republic of China and feature MAO's statement that "political power grows out of the barrel of a gun."

The national headquarters of the BPP is located at 3106 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley, California. Branches have been established at various locations throughout the United States.

APPENDIXBLACK PANTHER PARTY, aka
Black Panther Party for Self-Defense - CONNECTICUT

On January 29, 1969, the "Bridgeport Telegram," a daily newspaper published at Bridgeport, Connecticut, contained in part the following:

"On January 28 (1969), the Black Panther Party was formed in Bridgeport, JOSE RENE GONZALVEZ announced last night at a meeting at party headquarters, 510 East Main Street. Mr. GONZALVEZ, a Cuban-born, Oakland-trained black defense captain, spoke to twenty Negro youths in his mission here to organize a chapter of the political party..."

On March 18, 1969, the following Black Panther literature, published locally was distributed in the Bridgeport, Connecticut, area. It read in part as follows:

"The BPP is a party that will produce for the people and its members will do anything and everything possible to meet the demands of the poor oppressed black people. We are not a hoodlum gang, nor did we come here to kill white people or the police. We came here to stop racist actions that the oppressors (black and white) have been taking upon our people. We are the vanguard party and we intend to provide leadership for the people and revolutionary groups across the country..."

A source advised as of April 14, 1969, the New Haven Chapter of the Black Panther Party was operating under the authority of the National Organization. JOSE RENE GONZALVEZ had been given the authority to open this chapter in New Haven and to organize throughout the State of Connecticut.

GONZALVEZ departed Connecticut in early May, 1969, and attempted to organize the Black Panther Party in Greensboro, North Carolina, for which he was suspended. State leadership in Connecticut was taken over by WARREN KIMBRO, a member and leader of the New Haven Chapter of the Black Panther Party, and ERICKA HUGGINS, political educational instructor.

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BLACK PANTHER PARTY, aka
Black Panther Party for Self-Defense - Connecticut

On May 19, 1969, BOBBY GEORGE SEALE, National Black Panther Party chairman, spoke at Battell Chapel, Elm and College Streets, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut. SEALE spoke in part as follows:

"... The struggle we are involved in is not a racial struggle, but a class struggle. We have to define the revolution that's occurring in this country as a people struggle...We've got to teach these kids to use guns so that when the racist pig comes down into our community and brutalizes our people, we are gonna kill...If we catch a pig brutalizing our people in the black community, we are gonna kill him - we are gonna stop him."

On 4/20/69, a second source advised that the Communist Party of Connecticut, held a State Convention at the Peoples Center, 37 Howe Street, New Haven, Connecticut, on that date. During this convention, it was announced that there was going to be a memorial service in New Haven on that date for three Black Panthers who were slain a year ago; and all members of the Communist Party were invited to attend this memorial.

The Black Panther Party presently has chapters in Bridgeport, New Haven, Hartford, and Middletown, Connecticut. Their leadership is presently confused since eight members of the Black Panther Party were arrested by the New Haven Police Department for the murder of ALEX RACKLEY, alleged Black Panther Party member from New York City, whose body was found in Middlefield, Connecticut, on May 21, 1969.

THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY
IS CHARACTERIZED SEPARATELY.

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APPENDIX

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STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

A source has advised that the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), as it is known today, came into being at a founding convention held at Port Huron, Michigan, in June, 1962. From an initial ideological posture of "participatory democracy", the current line of the national leadership reveals an adherence to Marxism-Leninism. MICHAEL KLONSKY, National Secretary, in March, 1969, called for the building of a revolutionary Marxist-Leninist movement. The program of SDS has moved from involvement in civil rights struggles to an anti-Vietnam war position and finally to its present advocacy of an anti-imperialist line, linking up the oppressed peoples of Asia, Africa, and Latin America, with the black liberation movement in the United States. China, Vietnam, and Cuba are regarded as countries which are leading the world-wide struggles against United States imperialism. On the other hand, SDS regards the Soviet Union as an imperialist power and does not support the policies of that country.

SDS maintains a National Office in Room 206, 1608 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois. Its official paper "New Left Notes" reflects the line of the national leadership and program adopted at meetings of the National Council and National Interim Committee (NIC). Three national officers and a NIC of eleven members are elected each year during a June National Convention.

SDS Regional Offices and university and college chapters elect delegates to National Council meetings wherein program and ideology are debated, but each Region and chapter is autonomous in nature and is free to carry out independent policy and programs reflective of local conditions.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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New Haven, Connecticut

November 25, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Title **BLACK PANTHER PARTY
NEW HAVEN DIVISION**

Character **RACIAL MATTERS - BLACK PANTHER PARTY**

Reference **New Haven report of SA THOMAS F.
MC GORRAY dated and captioned as
above.**

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable
information in the past.

MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-19186) (P)

FROM: THOMAS F. MC GORRAY

SUBJECT: BLACK PANTHER PARTY
RM - BPP

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On 9/4/69, UNCODED (NH T-9 permanent), a source who has furnished reliable information in the past, was interviewed by SA JOHN A. DANAHER and SA THOMAS F. MC GORRAY concerning the following BPP matters:

RE: BPP - ORGANIZATION

Source stated that the BPP is presently organized in Bridgeport, New Haven, and Hartford, Conn.

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He advised, however, that the party hopes to form branches in Waterbury and Stamford as well as Middletown. Efforts to attempt to make contact in these cities has already been initiated but no positive step has been taken.

RE: BPP MEMBERSHIP

Source advised that there are approximately 15 hardcore members of the BPP in Hartford, Conn. He stated that the Blackstone Rangers have additional members who are sympathetic to the BPP and who are cooperative with the BPP when the occasion arises. Source also advised that in New Haven, Conn., the membership is down to approximately 12 hardcore members. However, there are several persons who associate themselves with the party in New Haven but who are not considered members of the BPP.

RE: BPP FILMS AND PUBLICATIONS

Source advised that the BPP has imported revolutionary films from both Boston and New York. He stated that these reportedly were on a rental basis and have been returned to either New York or Boston. He stated he will continue his efforts to obtain these films when they are made available.

He advised that the BPP in New Haven continues to sell the National Black Panther Party publications; and at the Hartford chapter, he assumed they handled the BPP paper on a separate basis. However, at this time, the Hartford chapter continues to receive its papers directly from the New Haven BPP.

Source further advised that the BPP has a mimeograph machine located in the headquarters on 35 Sylvan Ave., and that they continue to print BPP flyers concerning BPP activities.

RE: BPP COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Source stated that the BPP is presently engaged in propagandic campaign to draw sympathy from the New Haven community. To accomplish this end, they have

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distributed several thousands of BPP flyers and placards to advertise their position in the New Haven community. Also, the BPP in New Haven recently held a press conference and stated that the New Haven Police Department in conjunction with a national campaign to oppress the BPP would soon "vamp" on their headquarters at 35 Sylvan Ave. The BPP decides its own program of free breakfast for children, liberation school, and free health clinic and has maintained close association with all of the special organizations both moderate and militant which are presently active in New Haven. The BPP has maintained a group association with the Black Coalition, Hill Parents Association, the Black Student Union, and Afro-American societies presently active on the campuses in the New Haven area. Source stated that the BPP has formed a close association with the SDS students and the American Independent Movement (AIM). In this area, they have organized a peoples' community to defend the Panthers and a coalition for the defense of the Panthers which consists of 14 organizations already established in New Haven.

Source stated he was unable at this time to determine the relationship between the Black Panther Party and the Communist Party.

RE: BPP EXPULSION

Source advised that to his knowledge, the only member of the BPP in the State of Connecticut who has been expelled has been ROMA KENYATA (phonetic) (C. MELVIN JOHNSON). Source, however, stated that ROBERT L. WHITE, whom they saw being arrested by the Hartford Police Department, may be expelled from the party in view of the fact that he has approached the source concerning whether he should talk with the Hartford PD or should flee the State in order to avoid confinement.

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RE: BPP VIOLENCE

Source has advised that the BPP continues to advocate that revolution can only come through violence. He stated that in political education classes this point has been brought forth. He stated, however, that the only acts of violence which have taken place recently have been the arrest of several Panthers in New Haven who were stopped by the New Haven Police Department for placing signs and flyers on buildings in New Haven. Several Panthers were arrested on this occasion for resisting a police officer and resisting arrest. Source also advised that the party plans, upon the arrival of BOBBY SEALE to New Haven, to promote riot in order that the party might "hit" the gun stores and jewelry stores in New Haven.

RE: BPP SECURITY

Source advised that the BPP in New Haven is security conscious and has established several security procedures:

1. They have placed on the door of the second floor at 35 Sylvan Ave. a latch made of a 2 x 4 to re-enforce the main door;
2. They have posted guards in the front and the rear of the building as well as a man and a car across the street whenever important meetings take place;
3. They have obtained several firearms which they keep hidden in the headquarters at 35 Sylvan Ave. and have accepted a security condition which requires that all persons must be identified prior to entering the headquarters. This condition demands that if an unidentified person attempts to enter into the headquarters, he is to be killed.

RE: BPP IDEOLOGY

Source stated that the BPP continues to follow ideology put forth by the National Black Panther Party, in California. He stated that this ideology is taught in political education classes which are held in both

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New Haven and Hartford. It is also taught to the children at the free breakfast for children program.

The BPP has no formal textbook but teaches parts of Mao's Red Book and the Black Panther newspaper which is published out of San Francisco.

RE: BPP TRAVEL OF LEADERSHIP

Source advised that the BPP continues to enforce leaders from out-of-state. He stated that ROBERT WHITE and BELVA NEWSON, both from California, are presently active leaders in the state. DOUG MIRANDA, who came from Boston, is the top leader in the state at the present time. However, ROBERT BAY, AL KARROLL, and ELAINE BROWN, known national Panther leaders, have been in and out of New Haven in recent weeks. SAM NAPIER and DONALD COX have also been to New Haven.

RE: BPP COMMUNICATION WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS

Source stated that he has no direct knowledge that the BPP in Connecticut is connected with a foreign government. He stated, however, that on the national level, he discovered knowledge that the BPP has been in contact with foreign governments.

RE: BPP DISCIPLINE

Source advised that the BPP continues to discipline its membership through several ways:

1. For slight offenses, the party requires a certain number of pushups or other physical exercises. However, on several occasions, in New Haven the party has placed a number under arrest and kept them incarcerated in a small pantry which is just off the kitchen. RONALD CRAMER, a known member of the BPP in Hartford, was incarcerated for almost one week for excessive drunkenness. Several weeks ago, ROMA KENYATA was placed under house arrest for ideological reasons.

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RE: BPP ROBBERIES AND BURGLARIES

Source stated that the BPP has no formal program advocating robberies or burglaries. However, the party is presently seeking to obtain weapons for further use and therefore indirectly demanding that each member obtains his personal weapon. Source also stated that plans have been developed to rob gun stores and jewelry stores when BOBBY SEALE arrives in New Haven for trial. Source stated he will attempt to obtain additional details concerning these proposed robberies as well as a list of gun stores to be "hit."

RE: BPP FLOOR PLANS

Source stated the BPP is presently attempting to obtain a new headquarters in Hartford, Conn. He stated that when this is done, he will furnish a complete floor plan of the headquarters' area. He advised also that he is familiar with the floor plan at 35 Sylvan Ave, New Haven, and would attempt to obtain additional details in order that an accurate floor plan can be drawn.

RE: BPP FIREARMS

Source advised the BPP in New Haven and Hartford is continuing to obtain weapons for the revolution that is to come. Specifically, they have ordered all members to obtain personal weapons and several members have been seen in possession of guns, rifles, and pistols.

RE: BPP GUERILLA TRAINING

The BPP has no formal guerilla training program presently being utilized in New Haven and Hartford. Most members are expected to know how to handle weapons, plus, on several occasions, to clean shot guns and rifles and to show others how to clean weapons.

RE: BPP SNIPING OF POLICE OFFICERS

Source advised that the question of sniping has not

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been put forth to the leaders in New Haven. He stated, however, that several Blackstone Rangers have been involved in sniping in Hartford, Conn.

RE: BPP UNDERGROUND

Source stated that the Black Panther Party does not openly admit to a Panther underground. He stated, however, there are several associates who are sympathetic to the Panther cause and who attempt to assist the BPP while remaining either anonymous or associated with the party. He stated that he knew of no underground membership either in Hartford or New Haven. However, several persons report from the Bridgeport area who do not claim membership in the BPP but who are willing to assist the BPP in certain situations.

RE: BPP BREAKFAST SERVING CHILDREN PROGRAM

Source advised that the BPP has established a breakfast program in Bridgeport, Hartford, and New Haven. In New Haven, there are two locations presently being utilized, 179 Shelton Ave., and 600 Howard Ave. Source stated that the party has a vast amount of food stuffs at 600 Howard Ave. He stated that most of the food stuffs were donated or extortion methods were utilized. He advised that a duty list is maintained at headquarters at 35 Sylvan Ave., which requires different Panthers to conduct the breakfast program on a rotation basis. He stated he will attempt to obtain a copy of this list.

RE: BPP LIBERATION SCHOOLS

The BPP is attempting to establish a liberation school. BETH BRAGG and her husband, MITCHELL, have been involved in the teaching of Marxism and Leninism and are considered qualified instructors. Both have conducted political education courses in the past. Other qualified instructors are ROBERT WHITE, BELVIN NEWSON, and DOUG MIRANDA, as well as CAPPY PINDERHUGHEN.

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RE: BPP FACTIONALISM

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Source has advised that the BPP in Connecticut needs to be under the complete and direct control of captain DOUG MIRANDA. At the present time, there does not seem to be any real factionalism in Connecticut. ROBERT WHITE has been sent to Hartford to over-see the BPP program there. He is not in conflict with local leadership in Hartford. Bridgeport affiliation with the BPP in New Haven has become standardized. Membership in Bridgeport is now communicating with New Haven on a regular basis. Rumors of factionalism in Boston and New York have been mentioned by Panther members but nothing substantial has been brought to the attention of the informant.

RE: BPP COMMUNICATIONS

The BPP continues to utilize and publicly advertise telephones at BPP headquarters, 35 Sylvan Ave. Their telephone number, 562-7463, has been installed since early October and is utilized by all of the leaderships, for both local and long distance calls. An extra extension has been obtained by JAMES WILSON and has been hooked up to this phone in order that two persons might monitor the same phone call. Source advised that to his knowledge the BPP does not utilize any radio equipment or short wave equipment. However, source stated that DOUG MIRANDA has obtained a tape recorder on which he dictates his BPP reports. These reports are mailed to the BPP national headquarters in California, and no return address is furnished.

RE: BPP CONNECTION WITH OTHER MILITANT GROUPS

Source stated that the Black Panther Party has had some affiliation with the following groups, some of which are militant and some of which are not:

SDS at Yale;
SDS, New Haven;
New Haven Womens Liberation, and
American Independent Movement (AIM)
(both New Haven and Bridgeport);

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Blackstone Rangers, Hartford;
Afro-American Societies at
Southern Connecticut;
Afro-American Societies at
New Haven College;
The Black Student Union,
University of Connecticut;
The Black Coalition;
The Black Student Union at
Yale;
The Black Student Alliance
at Yale;
The Black Law Student Union at
Yale;
People to Free the Panthers;
Coalition to Defent the Panthers;
Young Patriots of New York City;
Yale Law Womens Association.

Leads

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At Hartford, Connecticut

1. Will continue to maintain contact with source concerning the above mentioned BPP activities.
2. Will obtain from source a detailed floor plan of the second floor at 35 Sylvan Ave., New Haven, Conn.

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Courant P 75 12-18-69 **Panther at UofH Says Get Busy — Organize**

By WILLIAM COCKERHAM

A New Haven Black Panther

told University of Hartford students Tuesday night to form revolutionary groups on campus and start "relating to defense weapons."

Dender Hughes, surrounded by bodyguards, said President

Nixon and FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover are coordinating a "conspiracy to wipe out the Black Panther Party." The young black urged the students to start organizing before "all of us are in jail or dead" by the end of next year.

"I'm telling you . . . You better start relating to guns. After they're done with us, they're coming after you," he said.

Hughes, introduced as the minister of information for the radical black organization, said the assassination of Malcolm X was perpetrated by the Central Intelligence Agency. He said 28 Black Panthers have been "murdered" by the police since the organization was founded several years ago.

"Black students are not helping their people," he said. "You people are just sitting in your rooms, blowing grass (smoking marijuana) . . . You got to get out in the streets and start organizing or there ain't none of

us going to be around . . . period."

Angelo Lewis, a student, said there is a "repressive" movement in the country against the "revolutionary vanguard." He said the Nixon Administration is feeding lies to the news media about the Black Panther Party being "murderers."

"We don't intend to stand for all this nonsense . . . This is the age of the gun . . . not the age of the armchair revolutionary," he said. "There is no substitute for the revolution. These people can't continue with their lies until they get rid of us."

Butch Lewis, a former Panther now with Community News Service, accused the University of Hartford of being a "racist" institution. He criticized groups on campus such as Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) and Afro-American societies for

"not doing the job you should be doing." He said his black news service is going to expose the police department "and other jive groups" by telling black people the truth. He said the time for "game playing" is over.

Hughes paused many times during his speech and waited for the small audience to stop rustling papers. His two bodyguards, wearing dark glasses and berets, rarely moved. Black Panther Party members stood at doorways to the campus center and at the back of the room.

"Silence is beautiful man . . . And America has a lot to meditate about," he said. "This is going to be a hot winter. A test to see how many Panthers will be around next year."

"And if I got to go . . . I want to see people moving when I'm dying," he said.

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FROM: *CEW* NEW HAVEN (100-19186) (P)SUBJECT: BLACK PANTHER PARTY
(COMMUNICATIONS)
RACIAL MATTER - BPP
OO: SAN FRANCISCO

Re: New Haven airtel to Bureau, 9/8/69, and 11/18/69.

On 9/28/69, FOIA(b)(7) - (D), a source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the BPP in New Haven no longer is utilizing 760 Orchard St., New Haven, as their party headquarters. This source stated that the Black Panther Party is now working out of 35 Sylvan St., New Haven, and are utilizing telephone number 562-7463.

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 - 2 - 100-19186
 - ① - 157-1079
 - 1 - 157-1032

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On 12/4/69, [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)], a source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the BPP continues to use telephone number 562-7463. Source stated that the Panthers have installed a second extension phone in order that more than one person might monitor incoming calls. The source stated that DOUG MIRANDA, Area Captain, originally from Boston, is presently in charge and is coordinating BPP activities in Connecticut, Massachusetts, and parts of New York State. MIRANDA's exact title in the party is unknown but he is continually referred to as a captain. Source was unable to state whether or not MIRANDA has obtained field marshal rank in the BPP.

On 12/9/69, Mr. J. MC KEON, Security Department, Southern New England Telephone Company (SNETCO), furnished the following long distance telephone calls made from telephone number 562-7463 from the period of 10/29/69 through 11/28/69:

<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Number</u>
Oakland, Calif.	10/29/69	415 568-3334
Mattapan, Mass.	10/30/69	617 298-1830
Malden, Mass.	10/30/69	617 324-7471
Malden, Mass.	10/30/69	" " "
Auburn, Mass.	10/30/69	617 832-5755
San Francisco, Calif.	10/30/69	415 648-5156
Roxbury, Mass.	10/30/69	617 442-8360
Roxbury, Mass.	10/30/69	" " "
Cambridge, Mass.	10/31/69	617 491-2430
Baltimore, Maryland	10/31/69	301 539-0513
Baltimore, Maryland	10/31/69	301 727-6151
Baltimore, Maryland	10/31/69	301 752-3626
Baltimore, Maryland	10/31/69	301 685-0632
Berkeley, Calif.	10/31/69	415 848-6705
San Francisco, Calif.	11/01/69	415 922-0095
New York, New York	11/01/69	212 293-0903
New York, New York	11/01/69	212 293-0903
New York, New York	11/02/69	212 465-1063
New York, New York	11/02/69	212 468-1113
New York, New York	11/02/69	212 691-6783

<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Number</u>
Tckh Brxvl, New York	11/02/69	914 337-0700
Tckh Brxvl, New York	11/02/69	914 337-9764
Chrlestown, Mass.	11/03/69	617 242-0600
Chrlestown, Mass.	11/04/69	" " "
New York, New York	11/04/69	212 666-3603
Boston, Mass.	11/04/69	617 227-0863
Boston, Mass.	11/04/69	617 742-7370
Roxbury, Mass.	11/04/69	617 427-9693
Philadelphia, Pa.	11/04/69	215 236-3358
New York, New York	11/04/69	212 691-6783
San Francisco, Calif.	11/05/69	415 922-6322
San Francisco, Calif.	11/06/69	" " "
Charlestown, Mass.	11/06/69	617 242-0600
Roxbury, Mass.	11/06/69	617 442-0100
San Francisco, Calif.	11/06/69	415 922-6322
Cambridge, Mass.	11/06/69	617 876-0897
Providence, R.I.	11/07/69	401 331-3024
Boston, Mass.	11/07/69	617 227-0863
New York, New York	11/07/69	212 565-4930
Cambridge, Mass.	11/07/69	617 491-6352
New York, New York	11/07/69	212 924-6538
New York, New York	11/07/69	212 683-1043
New York, New York	11/07/69	212 475-1454
New York, New York	11/07/69	212 523-9866
San Francisco, Calif.	11/07/69	415 922-6622
San Francisco, Calif.	11/07/69	415 922-0095
New York, New York	11/07/69	212 565-4930
New York, New York	11/07/69	212 691-6783
San Francisco, Calif.	11/07/69	415 922-6322
Roxbury, Mass.	11/08/69	617 442-0100
New York, New York	11/08/69	212 523-9866
New York, New York	11/08/69	212 342-2791
Mattapan, Mass.	11/08/69	617 298-1830
New York, New York	11/08/69	212 342-2791
New York, New York	11/08/69	212 468-1113
New York, New York	11/08/69	212 523-9866
New York, New York	11/08/69	212 342-2791
Cambridge, Mass.	11/08/69	617 868-8320
Washington, D.C.	11/08/69	202 667-0386
Washington, D.C.	11/08/69	202 667-0386
Cambridge, Mass.	11/08/69	617 864-7150
Mattapan, Mass.	11/08/69	617 298-1830
Philadelphia, Pa.	11/08/69	215 563-2060
Newark, New Jersey	11/08/69	201 621-8911
Tckh Brxvl, New York	11/08/69	914 337-0700

<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Number</u>
Philadelphia, Pa.	11/08/69	215 563-2060
Swarthmore, Pa.	11/08/69	215 544-7900
Wilmington, Del.	11/08/69	302 656-9175
Baltimore, Maryland	11/08/69	301 235-0261
Chicago, Ill.	11/08/69	312 243-8276
New York, New York	11/08/69	212 691-6783
Mattapan, Mass.	11/09/69	617 298-1830
Cambridge, Mass.	11/09/69	617 864-7150
Boston, Mass.	11/09/69	617 536-9219
Auburn, Mass.	11/10/69	617 832-5755
Charlestown, Mass.	11/10/69	617 242-0600
New York, New York	11/10/69	212 749-5971
Tckh Brxvl, New York	11/10/69	914 337-0700
Newark, New Jersey	11/10/69	201 621-8911
San Francisco, Calif.	11/11/69	415 922-6322
New York, New York	11/11/69	212 864-8951
New York, New York	11/11/69	" " "
Auburn, Mass.	11/12/69	617 832-5755
Charlestown, Mass.	11/12/69	617 242-0600
Charlestown, Mass.	11/12/69	617 242-0600
Baltimore, Maryland	11/12/69	301 732-4156
San Francisco, Calif.	11/12/69	415 922-6322
Berkeley, Calif.	11/12/69	415 848-6705
Berkeley, Calif.	11/13/69	415 " "
New York, New York	11/13/69	212 565-4930
San Francisco, Calif.	11/14/69	415 346-4013
Cleveland, Ohio	11/14/69	216 267-0135
San Francisco, Calif.	11/14/69	415 922-6322
San Francisco, Calif.	11/14/69	415 346-4013
New York, New York	11/14/69	212 749-5971
Elk Grove, Ill.	11/14/69	312 437-2300
Cambridge, Mass.	11/14/69	617 864-2600
Charlestown, Mass.	11/14/69	617 242-0600
San Francisco, Calif.	11/14/69	415 922-0095
Charlestown, Mass.	11/14/69	617 242-0609
Charlestown, Mass.	11/14/69	617 242-0600
San Francisco, Calif.	11/14/69	415 761-4212
San Francisco, Calif.	11/15/69	415 922-6322
Roxbury, Mass.	11/15/69	617 445-2939
New York, New York	11/16/69	212 691-6783
New York, New York	11/16/69	212 862-9072

<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Number</u>
Cambridge, Mass.	11/18/69	617 864-8951
Mattapan, Mass.	11/18/69	617 298-1830
New York, New York	11/18/69	212 864-8195
Charlestown, Mass.	11/19/69	617 242-0600
Charlestown, Mass.	11/19/69	" " "
New York, New York	11/19/69	212 666-3602
Berkeley, Calif.	11/19/69	415 848-6705
Mattapan, Mass.	11/19/69	617 298-1830
New York, New York	11/19/69	212 565-4930
New York, New York	11/19/69	212 292-0903
New York, New York	11/20/69	212 787-4127
New York, New York	11/20/69	212 787-4137
San Francisco, Calif.	11/20/69	415 922-0095
New York, New York	11/20/69	212 342-2791
New York, New York	11/20/69	" " "
New York, New York	11/20/69	212 442-1174
White Plains, New York	11/20/69	914 761-0594
Peekskill, New York	11/20/69	914 737-9768
Albany, New York	11/20/69	518 434-2374
Philadelphia, Pa.	11/20/69	215 236-3358
Jersey City, New Jersey	11/20/69	201 432-3725
Roxbury, Mass.	11/20/69	617 445-2939
Roxbury, Mass.	11/20/69	617 442-1174
Roxbury, Mass.	11/20/69	" " "
Roxbury, Mass.	11/21/69	" " "
New York, New York	11/21/69	212 581-7777
Roxbury, Mass.	11/21/69	617 427-9693
New York, New York	11/21/69	212 581-7777
New York, New York	11/21/69	212 342-2791
Albany, New York	11/21/69	518 434-2374
Jersey City, New Jersey	11/21/69	201 432-3725
Philadelphia, Pa.	11/21/69	215 236-3358
Baltimore, Maryland	11/21/69	301 539-4485
Roxbury, Mass.	11/21/69	617 442-1174
New York, New York	11/21/69	212 342-2791
Roxbury, Mass.	11/21/69	617 442-1174
White Plains, New York	11/21/69	914 761-0594
Peekskill, New York	11/21/69	914 737-9768
Peekskill, New York	11/21/69	914 737-3590
New York, New York	11/21/69	212 523-9866
New York, New York	11/21/69	212 236-3358

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<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Number</u>
New York, New York	11/21/69	212 749-5971
New York, New York	11/21/69	212 236-3358
Philadelphia, Pa.	11/21/69	215 236-3358
Mt. Vernon, New York	11/21/69	914 664-9498
Roxbury, Mass.	11/21/69	617 442-1174
Mattapan, Mass.	11/21/69	617 298-1830
Jersey City, New Jersey	11/22/69	201 432-3725
Dorchester, Mass.	11/22/69	617 282-4689
New York, New York	11/22/69	212 342-2791
Jersey City, New Jersey	11/22/69	201 432-3725
New York, New York	11/22/69	212 341-3624
Roxbury, Mass.	11/22/69	617 445-2939
Roxbury, Mass.	11/22/69	617 442-1174
Philadelphia, Pa.	11/22/69	215 236-3358
White Plains, New York	11/22/69	914 761-0594
Roxbury, Mass.	11/23/69	617 442-1174
Roxbury, Mass.	11/23/69	" " "
Roxbury, Mass.	11/23/69	" " "
Jersey City, New Jersey	11/23/69	201 432-3725
Berkeley, Calif.	11/23/69	415 848-6705
Mattapan, Mass.	11/23/69	617 298-1830
Berkeley, Calif.	11/24/69	415 848-6705
Berkeley, Calif.	11/24/69	" " "
Elk Grove, Ill.	11/24/69	312 437-2300
San Francisco, Calif.	11/24/69	415 648-2925
Cambridge, Mass.	11/24/69	617 491-2430
Boston, Mass.	11/25/69	617 536-9219
Jersey City, New Jersey	11/26/69	201 432-3725
Dorchester, Mass.	11/26/69	617 282-4689
Roxbury, Mass.	11/26/69	617 442-1174
San Francisco, Calif.	11/27/69	415 346-4013
San Francisco, Calif.	11/27/69	415 922-0095
Roxbury, Mass.	11/27/69	617 442-1174
Roxbury, Mass.	11/28/69	617 442-0594
Roxbury, Mass.	11/28/69	" " "
San Francisco, Calif.	11/28/69	415 922-6322
Roxbury, Mass.	11/28/69	617 445-2939
Roxbury, Mass.	11/28/69	617 442-1174
Stony Brk, New York	10/17/69	516 246-7981
Washington, D.C.	10/18/69	202 667-8527

<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Number</u>
New York, New York	10/19/69	212 691-9758
Chicago, Ill.	10/20/69	312 261-5738
Chicago, Ill.	10/20/69	312 684-3951
New York, New York	10/21/69	212 663-8239
New York, New York	10/21/69	212 691-9758
New York, New York	10/21/69	212 255-1075
New York, New York	10/21/69	212 924-0048
New York, New York	10/22/69	212 281-5043
Dorchester, Mass.	10/24/69	617 282-5307
Cambridge, Mass.	10/25/69	617 491-4772
Roxbury, Mass.	10/25/69	617 442-5170
New York, New York	10/26/69	212 473-4160
San Francisco, Calif.	10/27/69	415 584-5648
New York, New York	10/27/69	212 691-9758
New York, New York	10/27/69	212 777-5849
Palo Alto, Calif.	10/28/69	415 321-1200
Omaha, Nebraska	10/28/69	402 348-2700
Philadelphia, Pa.	10/28/69	215 849-0400
Palo Alto, Calif.	10/29/69	415 321-1200
New York, New York	10/29/69	212 691-9758
New York, New York	10/29/69	212 927-6073
Washington, D.C.	10/29/69	202 232-5798
New York, New York	10/31/69	212 924-0048
Boston, Mass.	10/31/69	617 262-4379
Santa Monica, Calif.	11/02/69	213 394-3837
New York, New York	11/04/69	212 852-5426
New York, New York	11/06/69	212 927-6073

In addition to the above listed numbers, the following numbers were called within the State of Connecticut:

<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Number</u>
Storrs, Conn.	10/29/69	429-1913
Hartford, Conn.	10/30/69	247-8700
Middletown, Conn.	10/30/69	347-7196
Hartford, Conn.	10/31/69	525-6145
Hartford, Conn.	10/31/69	525-9021
Hartford, Conn.	11/01/69	243-1394
Storrs, Conn.	11/03/69	429-1913
Hartford, Conn.	11/03/69	522-0334
Hartford, Conn.	11/03/69	522-2528
Hartford, Conn.	11/03/69	522-7493

<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Number</u>
Storrs, Conn.	11/04/69	429-1913
Storrs, Conn.	11/04/69	" "
Storrs, Conn.	11/04/69	" "
Storrs, Conn.	11/05/69	" "
Storrs, Conn.	11/05/69	" "
Storrs, Conn.	11/05/69	" "
Storrs, Conn.	11/05/69	429-7315
Storrs, Conn.	11/06/69	429-7315
Storrs, Conn.	11/06/69	" "
Windsor Locks, Conn.	11/06/69	623-7427
Hartford, Conn.	11/07/69	249-1311
Hartford, Conn.	11/07/69	249-5812
Hartford, Conn.	11/07/69	" "
Hartford, Conn.	11/10/69	247-0694
Storrs, Conn.	11/11/69	429-9717
New London, Conn.	11/11/69	442-0711
Hartford, Conn.	11/11/69	523-0369
New London, Conn.	11/12/69	442-0711
Hartford, Conn.	11/12/69	521-3030
Middletown, Conn.	11/13/69	347-7196
Windsor Locks, Conn.	11/14/69	623-2604
Hartford, Conn.	11/14/69	249-1311
Hartford, Conn.	11/14/69	249-5815
Hartford, Conn.	11/14/69	" "
Hartford, Conn.	11/14/69	" "
Hartford, Conn.	11/15/69	527-2592
Hartford, Conn.	11/15/69	242-8924
Hartford, Conn.	11/15/69	" "
Hartford, Conn.	11/15/69	" "
Storrs, Conn.	11/15/69	429-3311
Storrs, Conn.	11/15/69	429-6461
Storrs, Conn.	11/15/69	" "
Storrs, Conn.	11/15/69	" "
Hartford, Conn.	11/15/69	522-0334
Hartford, Conn.	11/15/69	522-1914
Hartford, Conn.	11/15/69	522-7493
Hartford, Conn.	11/15/69	525-0369
Hartford, Conn.	11/15/69	" "
Hartford, Conn.	11/15/69	525-9021
Windsor, Conn.	11/15/69	688-2592

<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Number</u>
Hartford, Conn.	11/16/69	522-7493
Hartford, Conn.	11/16/69	" "
Hartford, Conn.	11/16/69	525-0359
Hartford, Conn.	11/16/69	525-0369
Hartford, Conn.	11/16/69	" "
Hartford, Conn.	11/16/69	527-5838
Hartford, Conn.	11/17/69	522-7493
Hartford, Conn.	11/17/69	" "
Hartford, Conn.	11/17/69	525-6145
Hartford, Conn.	11/18/69	522-3058
Hartford, Conn.	11/18/69	" "
Middletown, Conn.	11/20/69	347-4421
Middletown, Conn.	11/20/69	347-7196
Hartford, Conn.	11/20/69	522-3058
Storrs, Conn.	11/21/69	429-6874
Hartford, Conn.	11/25/69	525-0369
Hartford, Conn.	11/27/69	249-1311
Hartford, Conn.	11/27/69	522-0369
Windsor Locks, Conn.	11/27/69	623-2604
Hartford, Conn.	11/28/69	522-3058
Hartford, Conn.	11/28/69	" "
Storrs, Conn.	10/31/69	429-4400

For the information of the New York Office, New York telephone number 212 864-8951, which number is registered to the Black Panther Party, Harlem Chapter, was called a total of 52 times during the above mentioned period.

For the information of Boston, the BPP telephone number 617 442-0100 and 0101 was called 41 times during the above mentioned period. Telephone number 617 442-8360 was called 22 times during the above period.

Leads

For the information of all receiving offices, the Bureau ~~has~~ instructed where possible the subscribers to these telephone numbers are to be identified. In those instances where the subscriber is an individual and there is no logical explanation for the contact, offices indices should

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be searched and established sources contacted for information concerning the subscriber. Thereafter, the matter should be handled in accordance with provisions of Sections 87D or 122A, Manual of Instructions, pertaining to the investigation of individuals. If the subscriber is determined to be a business firm or organization, consideration must be given to ascertaining the purpose of the contact.

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At New Haven, Connecticut

Will identify the subscribers to telephone numbers within the State of Connecticut, in order that their relationship to the Black Panther Party in New Haven might be determined through investigation.

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If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent: Date _____ Dictated _____ to _____ Transcribed: 12/11/69 Authenticated by Informant _____		Date of Report 11/22/69 Date(s) of activity 11/21/69
Brief description of activity or material Black Panther Party - Miscellaneous Breakfast Program		File where original is located if not attached FOIA(b) (7) - (D)
Remarks:		

1- 100-19186
1- 157-1079
1- FOIA(b) (7) - (D)
1- 157-1470 (W. WEAVER)
1- 157-1458 (R. WHITE)
1- 157-1514 (E. WHITE)
1- 157-1491 (VICTOR VALLICIO)
1- 157-1316 (D. MIRANDA)
1- 157-1451 (ROBERT WEBB)
1- 157-1450 (BELVA NEWSOM)
1- 157-2148 (GREGORY GREEN)
1- 157-1519 (ANNIE LEE LOCKHART)
1- 157-1288 (BLACKSTONE RANGERS)
1- 157-1403 (BREAKFAST PROGRAM)
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On 11/21/69, attempts were made by ANNIE LEE LOCKHART, DOLORES BURNLEY, and GREGORY GREEN, to locate an apartment house that could be used by the Hartford Panthers for a meeting place.

They tried to rent a place at Albany and Garden and on Nelson Street, and Martin on the third floor. None were available at this time.

A man named Lorenstein in East Hartford, donated 20 dozen eggs to the breakfast program.

A meeting was held at 35 Sylvan Avenue, New Haven, on the evening of 11/21/69. It was noted that a BELVA NEWSON has a child with her at this address. It appears that she is living there with the baby boy for she always answers the phone. She acts as the Officer of the Day, taking and giving messages.

The members who are assigned to New Haven have been told they are to write out reports on a daily basis, and then place them in special envelopes which are sent to the national headquarters.

DOUG MIRANDA stated ROBERT WEBB is to travel to Springfield, Massachusetts, Providence, and New Britain, where he will try to start up new chapters of the Panthers. He will probably take EMILY WHITE with him. When he is to start this recruiting trip was not stated.

MIRANDA designated WILLIAM WEAVER to be a kind of Security officer in Hartford, and his job will be to screen the people who would like to join the chapter before they are allowed to become members.

The breakfast program in Hartford is under way, the cooking being done by ROBERT WHITE. He uses the chant of the Panthers as a kind of prayer by the children before they eat. He also tries to teach them the 10 point program. WHITE is also in charge of contributions to the program, which is run from 7-9 a.m., five days a week.

Those usually present at the program are ROBERT WHITE, BILL WEAVER, GREGORY GREEN, CHICO VALLICIO, ANNIE LEE LOCKHART, EMILY WHITE, and also a couple of the Blackstone Rangers.

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If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent: Dictated <u>12/10/69</u> to <u>Linda Christianson</u> Transcribed <u>12/17/69</u> Authenticated by Informant <u>12/5/69</u>		Date of Report 11/17/69 Date(s) of activity 11/17/69
Brief description of activity or material <u>Black Panther Party rally in New York,</u> <u>11/17/69.</u>		File where original is located if not attached FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

Remarks:

1 - 100-119186 (PPP)
1 - 157-1079 (BPP, Hartford)
1 - **FOIA(b) (7) - (D)**
1 - 157-1470 (WILLIAM WEAVER)
1 - 157-1377 (BETH MITCHELL)
1 - 157-1355 (HENRY MITCHELL)
1 - 157-1365 (JACOB BETHEA)
1 - 157-1356 (RASCOE LEE)
1 - 157-1357 (RONALD TYSON)
1 - 157-1458 (ROBERT WHITE)
1 - 157-1467 (CLAUDE ARTIS)
1 - 157-1471 (RONALD FREEMAN)
1 - 157-1310 (BRUCE RYLES)
1 - 157-1268 (CORNELL WRIGHT)
1 - 157-1346 (JOEL BROWN)
1 - 157-1450 (BELVA NEWSOM)
1 - 157-1386 (VERNA HAMPTON)

1 - 157-1316 (DOUG MIRANDA)
1 - 157-1451 (ROBERT WEBB)
1 - 157- (EMILY WHITE)
1 - 157-1374 (C.M. JOHNSON)
1 - 157-1348 (GREGORY GREEN)
6 - New York
1 - 100-161993 (BPP)
1 - 157-BETH MITCHELL
1 - 157-HENRY MITCHELL
1 - 157-JACOB BETHEA
1 - 157-ROSCOE LEE
1 - 157-RONALD TYSON
4 - Boston
1 - 157-654 (BPP)
1 - 157-(CLAUDE ARTIS)
1 - 157-(RONALD FREEMAN)
1 - 157-(JOEL BROWN)

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A rally of the Black Panther Party was held in New York on November 17, 1969, to support the 21 Panthers who had been arrested by the New York Police.

From Connecticut the following people went to New York:

WILLIAM WEAVER
BETH MITCHELL
HENRY MITCHELL
JACOB BETHA
ROSCOE LEE
RONALD TYSON
ROBERT WHITE

CLAUDE ARTIS
RONALD FREEMAN
BRUCE RYLES
CORNELL WRIGHT
JOEL BROWN

When the group left for New York, they left BELVA NEWSOM and VERA HAMPTON behind to stay at the headquarters. Many of the group went to New York in three U-Haul trailers, the rest went with WEAVER.

MIRANDA was unable to go to New York as he stated there was a warrant out for his arrest because he had threatened some FBI agent, and the court restricted his travel.

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did not go for he was enjoying company with in Hartford and missed his ride.

In New York, the group marched in front of the court house with placards, and leaflets. They also chanted slogans of the BPP. After leaving the court house, they moved up to the steps where speeches were given by members of the Young Lords from New York, Boston, and Chicago.

RONALD TYSON went over to his mother's house then came back to the BPP Headquarters. He has been transferred to New York from New Haven.

The New Haven and Hartford members left for New Haven where they had a meeting.

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MIRANDA stated WEBB is to live in New Haven, but he will travel back and forth to Hartford where he will help to organize this new chapter. At the moment MIRANDA said that GREGORY GREEN is in charge in Hartford along with WILLIAM WEAVER, but they will take orders from WEBB, who will also conduct Political Education classes.

MIRANDA then stated that he is making some new assignments of a number of people. He assigned the following to the New York City chapter:

BETH MITCHELL
HENRY MITCHELL
JACOB BETHEA

ROSCOE LEE
RONALD TYSON

He assigned CLAUDE ARTIS and RONALD FREEMAN to Boston along with JOEL BROWN.

BRUCE RYLES, CORNELL WRIGHT and WILLIAM WEAVER were assigned to New Haven. WEAVER is to commute when needed in New Haven, but most of his time is to be spent in Hartford.

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1- 157-1510 (R. FORBES)
1- 157-1504 (J. ELLISON)
1- 157-1458 (R. WHITE)
1- 157-1461 (D. BURNEY)
1- 157-1451 (R. WEBB)
1- 157-1316 (D. MIRANDA)
1- 157-1462 (C. PINDERHUGHES)
1- 157-1255 (E. BROWN)
1- 157-1472 (J. WILSON)
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A meeting of the Hartford group of the BPP was held at New Haven at Sylvan Avenue, 11/25/69. The following were present from Hartford and New Haven:

GREGORY GREEN
GEORGE GREEN
WILLIAM WEAVER
ROLAND FORBES
JAMES ELLISON
ROBERT WHITE
DOLORES BURNEY
CECIL HONEGAN

ROBERT WEBB
DOUGLAS MIRANDA
CAPPY PINDERHUGHES
ELISE BROWN
JIM WILSON

At this meeting there was a power struggle for GREGORY GREEN was to be brought to New Haven for two months for discipline. He said he would not go. MIRANDA let him get away with this, but said he would not be in charge of anything again. GREGORY GREEN agreed to this.

ROBERT WEBB said he wanted to have ANNIE LEE LOCKHART brought to New Haven as she is his girl friend, and he wanted her to live with him. It was decided to ask her if she would go to New Haven to live.

JAMES ELLISON was told that he is to be in charge of Hartford until further notice, and that GREGORY GREEN is to work with ROBERT WHITE.

There were three new people present at the meeting, one woman and two males. No names were mentioned, but the woman said she was from out of state.

MIRANDA stated that the BPP considered changing its name to the National Committee to Combat Fascism.

WEBB said he was going to drive a U Haul to Boston soon, but did not say what he would take with him or when he would return.

It was announced that the Blackstone Rangers had two members at the meeting this date. Their names were not mentioned, but they were not the two that were with the unknown woman from out of state.

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1 - 100-19186 BPP
1 - 157-1079 BPP. Hartford
1 - FOIA(b) (7) - (D)
1 - 157-1255 ELISE BROWN
1 - 157-1377 BETH BRAGG
1 - 157-1467 CLAUDE ARTIS
1 - 157-1365 JACOB BETHA
1 - 157-1450 BELVA NEWSOM
1 - 157-1316 MIRANDA
1 - 157-1371 VERNON MILLER
1 - 157-1517 POSANDRA WILLIAMS
1 - 157-1471 RONALD FREEMAN
1 - 157-1458 ROBERT WHITE
1 - 157-1248 GREGORY GREEN
1 - 157-new GEORGE GREEN
1 - 157-1510 ROLAND FORBES
1 - 157-1472 JAMES WILSON
1 - 157- JUDY
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A meeting of the Black Panther Party was held in New Haven, Conn., 11/12/69 at 35 Sylvan Ave., and the following were noted as being in attendance:

Elise Brown
Judy
Beth Bragg
Claude Artis
Jacob Betha
Belva Newson
Douglas
James Wilson

Vernon Miller
Posandra Williams
Ronald Freeman
Robert White
William Weaver
George Green
Gregory Green
Roland Forbes

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There were five new men and three women present, all from New Haven. They did not mention any names.

A group from Bridgeport, two men and six women showed up also. They came to get guns, and after paying [] for them they wanted to put them in the car. Doug said they had already been put there. The two men were dressed like panthers. They were about 27-28 years old. Four of the girls were about 16-17, one in the early 20's, and one about 30 with a young child.

Doug said that when Bobby Seale comes to New Haven the police will be in for a hot time, for organizers are coming to town and they will divert the police so that others can hit the gun shops and jewelry stores.

The New Haven panthers now have their own mimeograph machine and it is reported to have been donated by the SDS from Yale.

The door of Sylvan Ave., has bolts through the wall which can be used to hold a bar in place. Doug said he would fire through the door if the police tried to raid this apartment.

Jacob came in during the meeting and stated the donations are coming in fast. He had so much money that he took it from his jacket pockets and put it on the floor. Jacob, Bill Weaver, Elise and Miller counted the money. Jacob said that the money will not be put into the bank from now on, for it was believed that the police know just how much is available and that they then set for high bonds on any arrets just to create trouble.

Doug Miranda said that more fulltime leadership is needed and he asked Weaver if he would be available.

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1- 157-1316 (D. MIRANDA)
1- 157-1248 (G. GREEN)
1- 157-New (GEORGE GREEN) (O&A)
1- 157-1510 (R. FORBES)
1- 157-1504 (J. ELLISON)
1- 157-1450 (B. NEWSOM)
1- 157-1472 (J. WILSON)
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A mass demonstration for New Haven to support the Panthers in jail in New Haven and Niantic was held 11/22/69. Many people came from out of state by bus which was the usual way people traveled.

There were five buses from the New York area, three from Boston, two from New Jersey, and three from Pennsylvania.

In New Haven, WILLIAM WEAVER was left at 35 Sylvan Ave., to protect BELVA NEWSOM and her child. She was acting as the Officer of the Day.

There are two phones at 35 Sylvan Ave., one being an extension in the front room which was put in by JIM WILSON. This phone was stolen by him from another building.

In the event there is to be anything special taking place at headquarters, there are three guards placed outside with guns. One in front, one in the rear, and one in a car which is then parked across the street in front of a store called Chico's.

DOUGLAS MIRANDA announced after the demonstration Saturday, that WILLIAM WEAVER is to be the consultant and advisor to the group in Hartford. No activity in Hartford is to be taken by that group until they have discussed it with him. He also said all are to walk the street in pairs for protection and also so that one can report any actions taken by outsiders against the other.

A short meeting was held 11/23/69, at 500 Garden Street, Hartford, the home of ROBERT WHITE. At this time an announcement was made from MIRANDA to the effect that GREGORY GREEN is being replaced by JAMES ELLISON from New Haven. MIRANDA stated that GREEN was insubordinate which is why he was being replaced.

GEORGE GREEN was also made the Lieutenant of Information and ROLAND FORBES relieved from the position and made an assistant to GEORGE GREEN.

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Miscellaneous

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1 - 100-19186 (BPP)
① - 157-1079 (BPP, Hartford)
1 - 157-1284 (Blackstone Rangers)
1 - 157-1311 (MELVIN BRASWELL)
1 - 157- (DAVID JOYNER)
1 - 157-1371 (VERNON MILLER)
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On November 13, 1969, WILLIAM WEAVER, MELVIN BRASWELL, Mrs. QUEEN DAY, and a member of the Blackstone Rangers were at the home of BRASWELL, 57½ Barbour Street, Hartford.

At that time, FOIA(b)(7) - (C) was playing with a rifle that had almost the exact appearance of a 1903 Springfield caliber 30.

At this time, it was stated that there is to be a program to feed breakfast to children by the Black Panthers in Hartford, and they are to use the community hall of the St. Michaels Church on Clark Street.

A man named DAVID from New Haven was to set up the first schedule for the program and assign people to work on it from New Haven. He will also come to Hartford and be assisted by VERNON MILLER.

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157-1316 DOUG MIRANDA
157-1310 BRUCE RYLES
157-1458 ROBERT WHITE
157-1451 ROBERT WEBB
157-1283 ELAINE BROWN
147-1371 VERNON MILLER
157-1255 ELISE BROWN
157-1268 CORNELL WRIGHT
157-1346 JOEL BROWN
157-1546 GEORGE GREEN
52-1677 STOCKPILING ARMS
157-1504 JAMES ELLISON
157-1519 ANNIE LEE LOCKHART
157-1284 BLACKSTONE RANGERS
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On 12/5/69 three people from Hartford came down to New Haven where they met with Doug Miranda at 35 Sylvan Ave. The three were William Weaver, Bruce Ryles, and Robert White.

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After they arrived, White left the building for some business, apparently selling the panther newspaper.

Miranda then said that he wanted to send Weaver to Chicago and wanted him to take Robert Webb and Elaine Brown along also. They would go by Weaver's car on the NY Thruway to Rt. 90 in Penn., and then to Painesville, Ohio, where they would call Chicago and wait for instructions as to the house in Chicago they would stay at. It had been thought that White would go first but after Weaver told Miranda that White had been approached by the Hartford Police it was felt he could be a security risk.

On 12/6/69 a large number of people were at 35 Sylvan Ave., for various activities. Those present were Vernon Miller, Bruce Ryles, Elise Brown, Elaine Brown, Cornell Wright, Doug Miranda, Joel Brown, George Green, William Weaver, Robert Webb, Judy (a white girl), a Doug F., and a lady who said she is from Boston. She owns a home in Boston that is used for visitors to the Boston Hdqtrs. She is about 50 years old.

[FOIA(b)(7) - (C)] stayed at the New Haven house while the rest went out to sell the newspaper. Those that stayed took all of the guns in the house out and oiled them. They worked on 8 to 10 shotguns, pump and double barrels, about 10 30-30 rifles, 8-10 revolvers of 38 cal. There is also a sawed-off shotgun which is kept at the door and always picked up [FOIA(b)(7) - (C)] anybody rings the bell to get in the house.

It was said that [FOIA(b)(7) - (C)] also keeps a shotgun by his front door at [FOIA(b)(7) - (C)]. He also has made a peep hole to see all visitors.

On the duty roster there are three new names, Cox, Funderberg, and Bay, but it is not know if these people are now in New Haven. (C)

On 12/7/69 Weaver came back to New Haven with James Ellison who is now being replaced as Acting Captain in Hartford. It has been announced that Weaver will be in charge, but that he will be assisted by Webb who will come up to Hartford perhaps three days a week. Also coming to New Haven at this time were Annie Lee Lockhart, and George Green. (C)

In New Haven at this same time were [FOIA(b)(7) - (C)] and three carloads of people from Bridgeport. They brought guns up with them and said they would travel with guns from now on so that they could be prepared in case the police stopped them.

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One of the men from Bridgeport who dressed in a jacket and wore a fur hat like a Russian with a star on it, gave the others an indication that he carried a submachine gun under his jacket. He did not show any gun, but just the way he acted, led to the suggestion that he had such a gun. (c)

When five of the Bridgeport group left, they went away in a small car with a white girl driving.

Miranda said that he had assigned Robert Webb to speak at a gathering at Trinity to be held in the near future. He said he was going to have all of the Hartford group present to show strength.

Webb also said that he wanted the Blackstone Rangers there at the talk. He then said that if the Hartford panthers wanted any kind of material they could contact the Rangers who will then steal it.

Miranda said he wanted a front and side picture of all of the Hartford members, and he assigned George Green to take the pictures.

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1 - 157- -W. Ryles
1 - 157-1248-G. Green
1 - 157-1458-R. White
1 - 157-1514-E. White
1 - 157-1510-R. Forbes
1 - 157-1491-V. Vallicio
1 - 157- -J. Ellison
1 - 157-1471-R. Freeman
1 - 157-1403-Breakfast Program
1 - 157-1284-Blackstone Rangers

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A meeting of the Black Panther Party of Hartford was held at the home of ROBERT WHITE, 500 Garden Street, November 18, 1969.

At this time, it was announced that WILLIAM WEAVER was to act as the consultant and adviser to the Hartford group. ROBERT WEBB was the person who gave this direction, saying it had come from DOUGLAS MIRANDA.

At this same meeting was a member of the Blackstone Rangers who gave his name as WAYNE RYLES. He stated he could not join the Panthers for he would not accept the discipline, and there is none in the Blackstone Rangers.

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It was stated that DOLORES BURNEY was under two weeks suspension for some infraction. No information was furnished as to the reason for the infraction.

The following were present at this meeting:

ROBERT WEBB	VICTOR VALLICIO
WILLIAM WEAVER	EMILY WHITE
WAYNE RYLES	JAMES ELLISON
GREGORY GREEN	RONALD FREEMAN
ROBERT WHITE	
ROLAND FORBES	

RONALD FREEMAN was supposed to have been transferred to Boston, but he does not seem to have gone yet.

EMILY WHITE has been attending the Hartford High School, but she just quit and is going to spend her time working for the Panthers.

JAMES ELLISON is assigned to New Haven, but he is coming up for the meetings as he may be assigned to Hartford later in the event they need assistance.

The breakfast program is now in operation in Hartford at the St. Michaels Community Center, Clark Street.

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1 - 157-1356 (R. LEE)
1 - 157-1357 (R. TYSON)
1 - 157-1458 (R. WHITE)
1 - 157-1467 (C. ARTIS)
1 - 157-1471 (R. FREEMAN)
1 - 157-1310 (B. RYLES)
1 - 157-1268 (C. WRIGHT)
1 - 157-1346 (J. BROWN)
1 - 157-1450 (B. NEWSOM)
1 - 157-1386 (V. HAMPTON)
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1 - 157-1451 (R. WEBB)
1 - 157- (E. WHITE)
1 - 157-1374 (C. M. JOHNSON)
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FBI - New Haven

A rally of the Black Panther Party was held in New York on November 17, 1969, to support the 21 panthers who had been arrested by the New York Police.

From Connecticut the following people went to New York:

WILLIAM WEAVER
BETH MITCHELL
HENRY MITCHELL
JACOB BETHEA
ROSCOE LEE
RONALD TYSON
ROBERT WHITE

CLAUDE ARTIS
RONALD FREEMAN
BRUCE RYLES
CORNELL WRIGHT
JOEL BROWN

When the group left for New York, they left BELVA NEWSOM and VERNA HAMPTON behind to stay at the headquarters. Many of the group went to New York in three U-Haul trailers. The rest went with WEAVER.

MIRANDA was unable to go to New York as he stated there was a warrant out for his arrest because he had threatened some FBI agent, and the court restricted his travel.

ROBERT WEBB did not go for he was enjoying company with EMILY WHITE in Hartford and missed his ride.

In New York, the group marched in front of the court house with placards, and leaflets. They also chanted slogans of the BPP. After leaving the court house they moved up to the steps where speeches were given by members of the Young Lords from New York, Boston, and Chicago.

RONALD TYSON went over to his mother's house then came back to the BPP headquarters. He has been transferred to New York from New Haven.

The New Haven and Hartford members left for New Haven where they had a meeting. At this time, MIRANDA stated he has charge of Connecticut, Boston, and part of New York area.

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MIRANDA stated WEBB is to live in New Haven, but he will travel back and forth to Hartford where he will help to organize this new chapter. At the moment MIRANDA said that GREGORY GREEN is in charge in Hartford along with WILLIAM WEAVER, but they will take orders from WEBB, who will also conduct Political Education classes.

MIRANDA then stated that he is making some new assignments of a number of people. He assigned the following to the New York City chapter:

BETH MITCHELL
HENRY MITCHELL
JACOB BETHEA

ROSCOE LEE
RONALD TYSON

He assigned CLAUDE ARTIS and RONALD FREEMAN to Boston along with JOEL BROWN.

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- 1- 157-1491 (C. VALLICO)
- 1- 157- (DOUG. LNU)
- 1- 157-1519 (A. L. LOCKHART)

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A general meeting of the BPP was held in New Haven 11/29/69 at 35 Sylvan Avenue. The following persons were present:

DOUGLAS MIRANDA
ROBERT WEBB
WILLIAM WEAVER
VERNON MILLER
CORNELL WRIGHT

GREGORY GREEN
GEORGE GREEN
CHICO VALLICO
BRUCE RYLES
DOUG LNU

At this time, [FOIA(b)(7) - (C)] brought out four guns they said were purchased that day in Bridgeport, Conn. They had a .16 gauge shotgun, a pump-action shotgun, a P38 pistol and a .32 caliber revolver.

[FOIA(b)(7) - (C)] cut the barrel from the .16 gauge shotgun so that it is about 18 inches long. No mention was made as to the store or person from whom the guns were purchased.

MIRANDA stated that the apartment in Hartford at the corner of Westland and Garden over the meat market there is ideal for a Panther house. WEBB stated the owner wants \$150 a month for rent, but if he won't come down they will tell him that he will be burned out.

It was noted that WEBB is driving a very new Pontiac green sport model car, Connecticut registration HC 6268.

MIRANDA wants Hartford to buy a car, and GEORGE GREEN suggested they buy his father's which is a 1961 Ford. This sounded like a good idea for it was cheap.

MIRANDA then designated WILLIAM WEAVER to be Assistant Captain of the Hartford group.

After the meeting, WEBB came to Hartford to see a girl, ANNIE LEE LOCKHART. He brought BRUCE RYLES and CORNELL WRIGHT with him.

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* INDIVIDUALS DESIGNATED BY AN ASTERISK (*) ONLY ATTENDED A MEETING AND DID NOT ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE.
VIOLENCE OR REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES WERE NOT DISCUSSED.

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157-1470 WILLIAM WEAVER
157-1504 JAMES ELLISON
157-1491 CHICO VALLICO
157-1563 CECIL HONEGAN
157-1316 DOUG MIRANDA
157-1317 DAVID QUICK

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There was a meeting on the street in Hartford with William Weaver, James Ellison, Chico Vallico, and Cecil Honegan.

Honegan is reported to have said he wanted to join the BPP in Hartford, but when he was told that he would have to obey orders from the Captain and follow rigid rules of discipline he said he could not accept that and would not join, but he would help them if they needed him.

It appears that a security officer has been designated by Miranda, for it was said that William Weaver is to run some security checks on all new members.

Ellison said that Weaver was to be sent to Chicago, for some unknown reason. When Miranda was contacted he said he had issued such orders. The orders are that Weaver is to get to Chicago and bring back some members to New Haven. He will also have some type of equipment put into the trunk which will then be locked. The key will be taken from him and then sent to New Haven by mail. This is to prevent anybody from going into the trunk. He said one of the reasons for making a trip by car is to prevent the FBI from knowing who is traveling. They have pictures of all the members and watch all airline and bus stations, and railroad stations. It is thought that Bruce Ryles and Robert White might also go with him.

It was said that David Quick has left the BPP for he does not follow their thinking.

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- 1 - 157-1316 (D. MIRANDA)
- 1 - 157-1470 (W. WEAVER)
- 1 - 157-1458 (R. WHITE)
- 1 - 157-1248 (G. GREEN)
- 1 - 157-1546 (GEORGE GREEN)
- 1 - 157-1519 (A. LOCKHART)
- 1 - 157-1491 (C. VALLICO)
- 1 - 157-1510 (R. FORBES)
- 1 - 157-1268 (C. WRIGHT)
- 1 - 157-1310 (B. RYLES)
- 1 - 157-1450 (B. NEWSOM)

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A meeting of the Hartford BPP was held 12/12/69 at the home of ROBERT WHITE, 800 Garden St. The following people were present:

WILLIAM WEAVER
ROBERT WHITE
GREGORY GREEN
GEORGE GREEN
ANNIE LEE LOCKHEART

CHICO VALLICO
ROLAND FORBES

WHITE said that BRUCE RYLES and CORNELL WRIGHT were not at the meeting because they had gone to New Haven after having appeared in court on the stolen car case. He also said that there would be no more meetings in Hartford until ROBERT WEBB comes to Hartford to handle the PE classes. He said this is probably going to be after the speaking engagement at the University of Hartford on the 17th.

It was announced that ROLAND FORBES was under suspension for two weeks, and that during this period he could only sell the papers, but not attend meetings. They did not say what caused the suspension, but it is thought to be the fact he stole eggs from the breakfast program that brought the punishment which was given by MIRANDA.

FOIA(b)(7) - (C) said he keeps his shotgun by the front door in case the police come to his house. He also has put a peep hole in the door.

In New Haven it has been noticeable that BELVA NEWSOM has not been around for about two weeks. She appears to have taken the little boy with her when she left.